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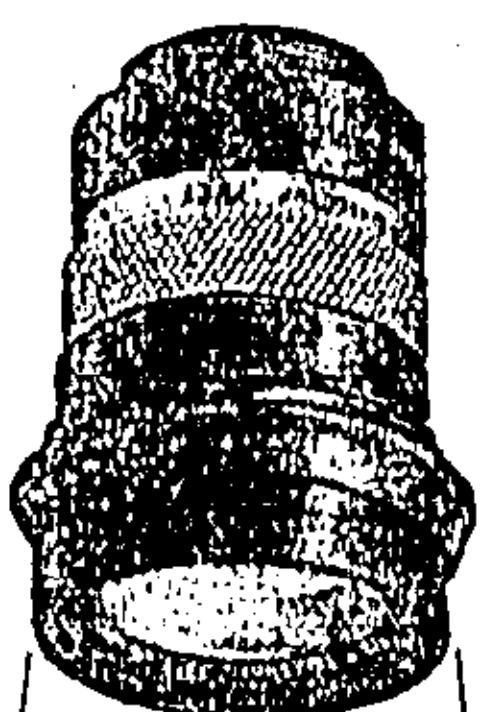
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HOME LEAGUE RESULTS AND TABLES UP TO DATE.

ARSENAL DEFEAT SUNDERLAND AWAY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, Last Night.

Arsenal accomplished a good performance by beating Sunderland on the latter's ground by three clear goals. Wednesday restored themselves to favour by bringing back full points from Grimsby, a good fortune that also attended Huddersfield's visit to Liverpool. Newcastle United were the guests of the lowly Manchester United, 11 goals being scored, of which the visitors claimed seven. Aston Villa could only draw at Bolton. Everton accomplished another good feat in taking full points from West Bromwich Albion on the latter's ground. Bury fell for the first time as the outcome of their visit to Swansea, whilst Southampton proved a goal too good for Plymouth. Nine goals were scored in the Preston N.E.—Wolves match, the former getting the odd goal.

Northampton, Brentford, and Notts County were the successful visiting teams in the Southern Section, whilst victories of 7-1 and 7-0 were secured by Coventry and Walsall, respectively.

York, Crewe, Hull, Lincoln, Wigan and Carlisle were all successful on foreign soil in the Northern Section, Wrexham, the leaders hitherto, were beaten at Rochdale by the odd goal in seven.

In the Scottish Division visiting teams had a big say in the destiny of the points, Motherwell, Hearts, Airdrieonians, St. Mirren, Partick Thistle, and Cowdenbeath all bagging full points. Rangers had an easy win over Leith Athletic, but at Hamilton Celtic could only draw. The Ayrshire Derby, Killie v. Ayr, resulted in favour of the former by the odd goal in three.

Results are as under:

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GERMANY'S FATE.

Bound Up in Impending Election.

MONARCH OR DICTATOR?

Problems of the Man in the Street.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday the German electorate will tackle the task of eliminating, by the proportional representation system, 4,500 candidates out of 5,000 contesting 500 seats in the Reichstag.

The man in the street here has long ceased trying to master the intricate political system which has resulted in the formation of 24 parties, but he realises that Germany has reached a critical stage economically; therefore something must be done. Hence the poll is likely to be the heaviest on record.

Though the National Socialists made much capital out of denouncing the Young Plan, foreign affairs are only a very minute issue of the elections, which many think will decide the fate of the present constitution, and result possibly in a reactionary Fascist Government, or Dictatorship; or even the restoration of the Monarchy.

The twenty-four parties may roughly be boiled down to four, namely the National Socialists (Fascists), the Centre (Catholics), the Social Democrats and the Communists.

It is generally estimated that the Centre will lose heavily to the Fascists, and the Social Democrats to the Communists, with the probability that by strengthening these violent opposites the new Reichstag will prove even more abortive than the last composition, which included 152 Socialists, 54 Communists, 61 Centre, 17 Bavarian People's Party.—Reuter.

NARCOTIC DRUGS.

Russia Invited to Geneva Conference.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Council is inviting Russia to participate in the forthcoming Conference on the manufacture of narcotic drugs, as she has become a manufacturing country.—Reuter.

TARIFF TRUCE.

British Decision to Ratify.

EARLY ACTION URGED.

Geneva, Yesterday.

At the League Assembly to-day Mr. William Graham announced that Britain would ratify the Tariff Truce. He hoped it would be by Autumn, or at the latest by early in 1931.

A concrete proposal was being considered, which would lead to tariff reductions, and he urged that negotiations be begun as soon as possible. Mr. Graham further pointed out that all countries would wish to see practical results in tariff reductions, before they bound themselves for further periods.

Later.

In announcing that Britain would ratify the Tariff Truce on November 1 next, Mr. Graham urged all parties to the convention to ratify by that date, since almost immediately afterwards the contracting parties could meet to determine whether sufficient ratifications had been obtained.

It would be regrettable if the ratifications were insufficient to enforce the convention, he added.—Reuter.

FRENCH FLEET.

Improvements in the Far East.

SOME SWEEPING CHANGES.

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Dumesnil, Minister of Marine, in an article in Le Journal outlines the measures being taken to strengthen and improve the efficiency of the French Naval Forces in the Far East.

He has appointed Vice-Admiral Herri to the command, and is building vessels, specially designed for service in Far Eastern waters. Many of them will be able to navigate rivers.

Young officers are being appointed wherever possible.—Reuter.

AFTER 83 YEARS.

Arctic Gives Up Grim Secret.

FRANKLIN'S FATE.

Relics Discovered By Explorer.

Fort McMurray, Alberta, Yesterday.

The tragic fate of the Franklin Arctic expedition, when Sir John Franklin was lost 83 years ago, is now reconstructable from discovered relics.

CHINA AND LEAGUE COUNCIL.

Election "Very Doubtful."

Geneva, Yesterday.

China is again this year competing for a non-permanent seat on the League of Nations Council, the election for which is to be held on Tuesday next. It is very doubtful, however, whether she will succeed.

It is generally expected that the three vacant seats will be filled by the Irish Free State, one South American country, and one Scandinavian nation.—Reuter.

coveries of relics made by Major Burwash, Canadian Government explorer, according to Burwash's pilot, Gilbert.

There is evidence that some of the adventurers died of scurvy, and others starved to death.

Several graves, arranged in an orderly fashion, were found, indicating that the men died one by one, and were buried by their companions. Bones and skeletons were discovered in rocky caverns, also a jacket, a pair of belated trousers, and tent coverings.

During the flight the remains of the derelict ship were seen. Reuter's American Service.

NORTHERN WAR.

Kuominchun Suffer Another Set-Back.

ON PING-HAN FRONT.

Hankow, Thursday.

With a view to relieving the critical situation in Hsuehchang and Hsincheng on the Ping-Han line, which two cities have been in a state of siege by the Nationalists under the personal direction of General Liu Chih, the Kuominchun under Liu Yu-fen launched on the 9th inst. several fierce counter-attacks on Tengfeng and Lin-yue, but were effectively repulsed by the forces under Yang Fu-cheng. In view of the communications between the two above besieged cities and the various fronts of the Kuominchun having been cut off by the Nationalists and of the failure of their reinforcements to raise the siege, the fall of these cities is considered imminent.

Chiang's Conference.

Hsuehchow, Yesterday.

After completing the direction of the military movements on the Ping-Han line, President Chiang left Liuhao on the 10th inst. for Hsuehchow, on arrival at which he immediately called a military conference. Since the situation on the Ping-Han line is well in hand, the Nationalists have decided to launch an offensive on the Lung-Hai, being confident of breaking down the Kuominchun main strength within two weeks' time. After the conference, the President proceeded to Kwei-tch, wiring at the same time to the Nationalist generals on the Ping-Han, and encouraging them to strive strenuously for this final struggle. He further advised them about the receipt of an official telegram from General Chang Hsueh-liang, supporting the National Government, and denouncing the Peking New Government.—Canton News Agency.

Stalling Peking Rumours.

Peking, Yesterday.

Many reports have been current here for some time, and are gaining more credence, that the Shantung Generals intend shortly to make a declaration in favour of peace, thus practically making Shantung a neutral zone, or buffer State.

These Generals are said to include Han Fu-chu, Ma Hsueh-kuei, Shih Yu-san and Chen Tiao-yuan. They would do no more fighting and Shansi would thus be freed of (Continued on Page 18.)

AMERICA CUP.

Weather Favours the Shamrock V.

ODDS VEERING ROUND.

"Battle of Old Versus New."

Newport, R.I., Yesterday.

Though Americans are confident that the Enterprise is the better boat, it may be said that the entire heart of America goes out in best wishes to Sir Thomas Lipton for his success in a final attempt to lift the America Cup.

There is less betting on the race than in previous contests, and odds have now changed from 3 to 2 in favour of the Enterprise to evens.

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Nevertheless the Shamrock V., like the Enterprise, is an unknown quantity. Her crew insist that she prefers light airs, but she made a most favourable impression, as did the Enterprise, in a fresh breeze during the final workout yesterday.

The official weather forecast for to-day is cloudy with rain, and winds increasing during the day. Experts believe this will favour the challenger, as the first race is of fifteen miles to windward, and fifteen to leeward, and Shamrock V. is regarded as the faster, before the wind.—Reuter's American Service.

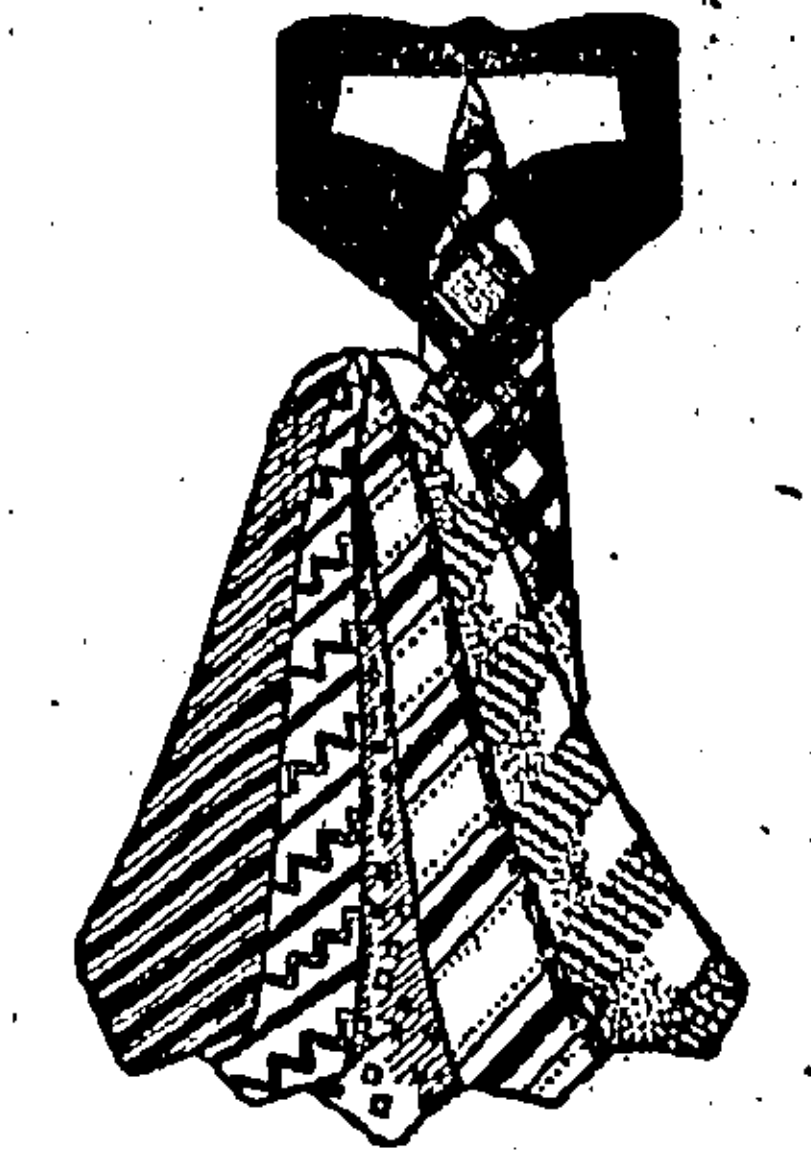
PACIFIC FLIGHT.

Mr. Bromley Still At It.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Under a date line from Sam-bong, in Aomori prefecture Mr. Harold Bromley, American aviator, and his partner, Mr. Getty, have announced their intention to hop off on Sunday at dawn from an improvised airfield on Hamashiro beach, north-east of Furumaki. They are attempting a non-stop trans-Pacific flight, the destination being Tacoma.—Reuter's American Service.

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SWIMMING.

Pascoe Regains Championship.
E. W. Pascoe (Plastow United S.C.), the winner in 1927 and second in the two following years, regained long distance swimming championship of England when he covered the usual Thames course of 5 miles 60 yards between Kew and Putney, in 55 mins. 53.4-5 secs. D. Doherty (St. Pancras Leander S.C.), was second in 68 mins. 28.5-4 secs. and I. Twoby (Plastow United) third in 63 mins. 33.2-5 secs. The holder, E. P. Peter (Croydon) did not defend his title, and with J. G. Itfeld, a former holder, and A. Boey, the Belgian, also absent, the race was robbed of much of its interest. Although the start was criticised for 3.15 p.m., it had turned at 4.30 before the men entered the water. Pascoe at once took the lead, which he kept throughout, and reached the "Ship" in 12.14.33.2-5 sec., followed by C. Rogers (13.4-6), Doherty, Boshier and Twoby. Pascoe had increased his advantage at Barnes Bridge, his time at this point being 20 min. 33 sec., and shortly afterwards Rogers was passed by Boshier. Pascoe reached Chiswick Steps in 32 min. 12.4-5 sec., with Boshier slightly ahead of Doherty. Boshier, however, retired from the race at Hammersmith. Doherty, who used the back stroke all the way, would have been much nearer the winner at the finish had he kept a better course. Leading placings: E. W. Pascoe (Plastow United S.C.) 66 min. 53.4-3 sec. 1; B. Doherty (St. Pancras Leander S.C.) 68 min. 28.5-4 sec. 2; I. Twoby (Plastow United S.C.) 68 min. 33.2-5 sec. 3.

Temme Wins Clyde Race.
E. H. Temme (Plastow United S.C.), the English Channel conqueror, won the swimming race across the Clyde from the Clock Lighthouse to Dunoon. His time was 13 hours. W. Burns (Glasgow Police A.S.C.) was second, and Barnie (Portobello) third.

Brooks Retains 220 Yards Championship.
Norman Brooks (Oldham Police) retained the 220 yards national swimming championship at Weston-Super-Mare and beat his own British record by two seconds in returning 2 min. 25 sec. He won by one and a half yards from F. G. M. Milton (Ottar S.C.), with T. Scott (Oldham Police) third.

RACING.

Winners at Goodwood.
Goodwood was neither "gay" nor "glorious," for the weather was wet and windy. But the attendance was large and the racing interesting. Following his successes in the Derby and Eclipse Stakes with Blenheim and Ruston Pasha respectively, the Aga Khan carried off the Stewards' Cup with Le Phare, a four-year-old ridden by Michael Beary, whose big-race luck has changed at last.

A short head behind came last year's winner, Mr. S. Joel's Fleet- ing Memory, and three lengths further away Songe was third. Le Phare had not previously won a race this season, though in both the Hunt Cup and the Victoria Cup he had shown a glimpse of speed. Songe, the third, was making his farewell appearance in England. He was sold to go to the Argentine, where he will be sent to the stud.

This year there were 27 runners for the Stewards' Cup; in 1861 the number was 45, the record field in flat-racing. In the story of Goodwood is one incident unique in racing annals, concerning a horse, Dandizette, run in 1824 by the fifth Duke of Richmond and Gordon—who, they say, in his thirty or forty years of racing won £12,000 in stakes. Dandizette easily won his race, but so high above the course was the judge seated that the horse passed below him unobserved, and he declared another horse, owned by Lord Verulam, the winner. His Lordship at once offered the stakes to the Duke, who merely said, "The judge's decision is final."

"Steve" Donoghue.
All followers of racing are glad to see that "Steve" Donoghue is doing well again, fencible the old "Steve" when in his prime. That he retains all his nerve and pluck was evident when Glove Hiltch got loose in the paddock parade ring at Hurst Park after Donoghue had been given the leg-up. The jockey took a light loss and the colt careered around the ring until caught and remounted. In the circumstances Glove Hiltch was naturally not taken very seriously

HOME SPORT

FOOTBALL.

Chinese Team In Action.

Football enthusiasts in London may have a chance to see a Chinese side in action during the coming season. A team from China will be coming West to tour Europe, and it is expected that they will reach England about October. They have already asked several of the best-known amateur clubs for fixtures, and Ilford, the Amateur Cup holders, have offered them a date towards the end of October, so that the first match they play will be at Newbury Park. It is expected, too, that tourists will meet the Arsenal at some stage of their visit.

Clapton's New Goalkeeper.

Harry Blackwell, Clapton Orient's new goalkeeper, is the third member of last year's Aberdeen team to join a London club, the others being Alec Cheyne (Chelsea) and Yuill (Millwall). Blackwell is a Briton. He was born in Ebbw Vale, and is a nephew of Sam Hardy, the famous international keeper. He went to Aberdeen nine years ago from Seunthorpe United, and did such good service at Pittodrie Park that he was awarded a benefit two seasons ago. He was the regular goal-keeper until Yuill displaced him last season, after one or two brilliant displays for the second eleven, and it is a coincidence that Yuill should also come to London. Both men are in the top class, and should do well in the south.

SCULLING.

Phelps Wins Doggett's.

A new chapter in the history of the oldest sporting event in the country was written when five young Freemen of the Waterman's Company, who had been admitted at a recent court of the Fishmongers' Company raced on the Thames for Doggett's Coat and Badge. There is no recorded instance of a world's sculling champion ever having competed before in this race, but one of the competitors was Ted Phelps, of Putney, who recently defeated Bert Barry in a race for the world's title. Phelps, of course, had little difficulty in winning. He went ahead at the start and led all

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the way, although Simmonds put up a game fight but was out of the way. This win now brings the record of Phelps' victories up to eight as the late Charlie Phelps and his four sons, H. P., T. J., R. W., and J. L. Phelps registered wins in the races of 1884, 1919, 1922, 1923 and 1928 respectively, while W. Phelps and H. J. M. Phelps won in 1875 and 1880.

The race from Waterloo Bridge saw the champion and Simmonds, a strong, plucky young sculler, fight the issue out alone. Spurling about 100 yards short of Westminster Bridge the Deptford man almost drew level, but the champion responded and shot under the bridge three lengths ahead in 10 min. 34 secs. Approaching Grosvenor Railway Bridge, where both men were sculling strongly, the Deptford man again spurred to get almost level. In the great struggle at the bridge, Simmonds hit a floating box with his left scull, while Phelps, who still had a slight lead, almost fouled the bridge with his scull. The champion's time was 22 min. 26 sec.

After passing the suspension bridge it looked as though Phelps would score a fairly easy win, but Simmonds refused to be left, and passed the finishing mark only five seconds after the champion, who had accomplished the very fast time of 23 min. 42 sec. Owing to Phelps' craft, having fouled some floating debris, the skin of the frail boat had been split on either side for a distance

TENNIS.

Navy Singles Title.

Commander P. F. Glover, who holds the Navy Singles title, made up for lost time at Wimbledon, when two quick victories over Engineer-Commander A. Eveleigh and Lieut.-Commander E. G. A. Clifford placed him in the semi-final round in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Championships. In the semi-final with Glover are Lieutenant A. W. Buzzard, Lieutenant H. P. G. Evered, and Commander H. A. Packer. Evered survived his match with Lieutenant-Commander P. F. M. Dawson, which was interrupted by rain, when Dawson was leading 5-3 in the final set, and he went on to beat Surgeon-Commander S. R. Johnston easily in the third round by 6-0, 6-4. Heavy rain again held up the programme, and the hard courts were used.

It was impossible to complete even one match in any of the events open to all ranks at the Army Championships at the Hurlingham Club, when showers of rain, and later a heavy thunderstorm, put not only the grass but also the hard courts out of action.

Tate, The Guest of "Ranji."

Tate, the Sussex cricketer, was entertained to luncheon at Manchester by the Jam Sahib of Nawanganar ("Ranji"). The object of the luncheon was to enable him to thank Tate for his coaching of Dulcepinhl. The Jam Sahib has subscribed one thousand guineas to the new pavilion fund of the Sussex County Cricket Club, and he intimated to Tate that he proposed to be present at Hove during the Bank Holiday week-end, when Tate, in the Sussex v. Middlesex match, will be taking his benefit.

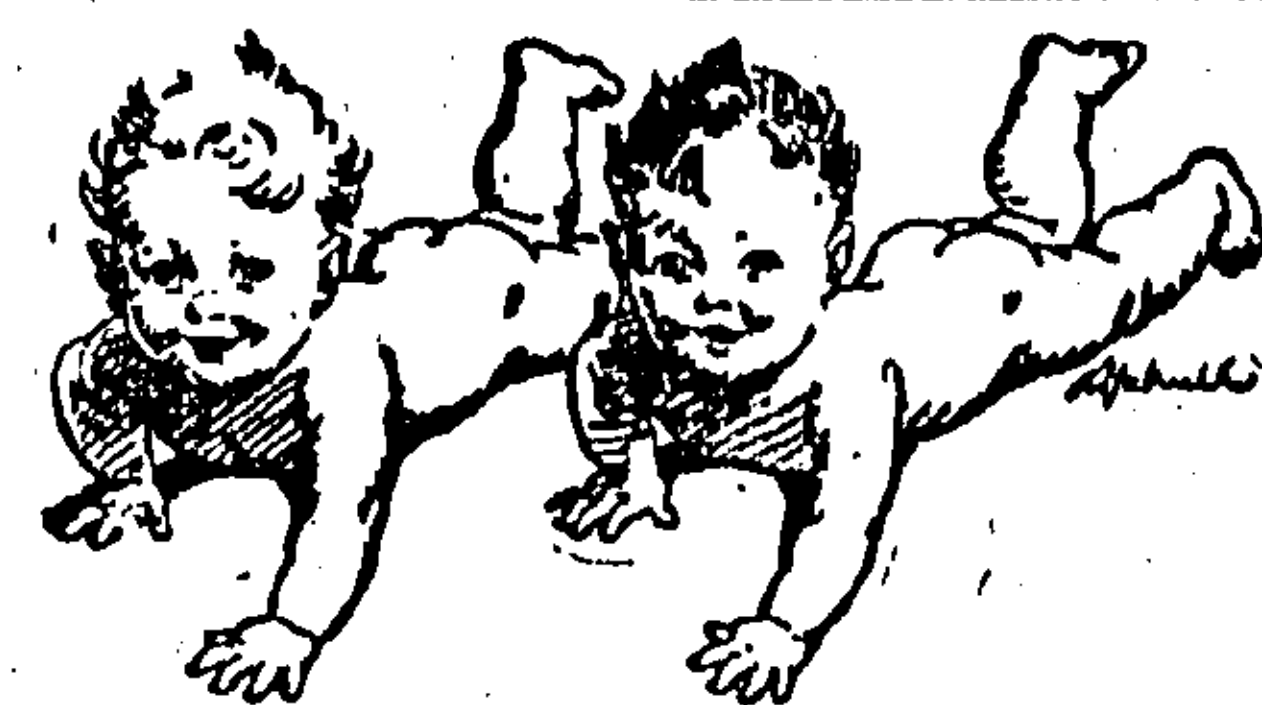
Benefit Match Calamity.

The benefit match for Wilfred Payton (Notts) has resulted in a loss of 11s. 9d. Payton, who has been 25 years with Notts, took the Derbyshire match at Trent Bridge on July 12, 14 and 15. The receipts amounted to £253 1s. 4d. for the three days, and expenses came to £253 13s. 1d. The committee describe this as a calamity and are keeping the subscription lists open.

Sam Cadman, one of the best all-round cricketers Derbyshire ever had, has accepted a coaching engagement in South Africa for the coming winter. For some time Cadman has been in charge of the Peak County's nursery, and the wonderful success of Derbyshire's youngsters in recent years has been due in no small degree to his painstaking tuition and acumen in discovering the worth of a raw cricketer.

of about three to four feet, and as a result he had rowed nearly half the course waterlogged.

The order of finish and the prizes received were as follows:—E. A. Phelps (Coat and Badge and £20), 26 min. 42 sec.; I. A. J. Simmonds (£12), 26 min. 47 sec.; H. H. Haydon (£10), 31 min. 2 sec.; H. A. Preece (£24) 32 min. 18 sec.; J. J. Martin (£5), 33 min. 14 sec.



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DECIDED ON LAST END.

Shanghai, Wednesday. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Interport lawn bowls teams were very lucky to be able yesterday to play off the third game in their series. A few minutes before the time set for the start of the postponed match at Wayside Park, yet another local thunderstorm broke over the district, but it was far worse than the one on Monday and in less than half an hour the streets were running inches deep in water, whilst the park was a lake. It was hastily decided to transfer to the Race Course, on the chance that the Lawn Bowls Club's better drained green was in playing order, and the teams were delighted to find that the storm had ceased half-way over the Garden Bridge. However, naturally only a few people heard of the change and so there was only a small attendance of spectators.

Hong Kong, too, must have been very sorry that they declined to play the match on Monday, for they won the substituted practice game then quite easily, whereas yesterday they had to acknowledge defeat by 18 to 16. There was, of course, a late start and the match was finished in the dark. Hong Kong played the same team as on Sunday, but it was thought a great mistake was made in leaving out Musket, who upon the two occasions he played here gave a very good display. Shanghai played the same team who were beaten in the friendly against Hong Kong on Monday. The locals showed vastly different form yesterday and completely outplayed the visitors. Although the decision was only arrived at in the last end, Shanghai led all through the match. No complaint can be made about the green, which was in good condition.

Shanghai won the first end with three, Luz having hard luck in trying to save. The second end saw some good all-round play, with Shanghai winning a couple. The third end showed some good bowling on the part of Jensen and Peck which gave Shanghai another three. Things were not looking too rosy for the visitors and a very moderate end saw Hong Kong score a single. At the fifth, Luz lay two good woods, but Stormes saved one, making the score 2-8. Goodman was responsible for Hong Kong scoring a brace at the sixth. Some excellent bowling at the seventh gave Shanghai two, Luz being a trifle heavy in trying to save. Luz was bearing the brunt of the work in difficult circumstances. Shanghai scored another single at the eighth, Peck resting on the jack. The ninth was a poor end for an Interport match. All woods were narrow and, after a measure, Shanghai claimed one. The score now stood 4-12.

Fine Work by Luz.
The tenth was a truly remarkable end. All the shots went wide except one, with which Hong Kong lay almost on the jack. Then Stormes drew vociferous applause for a clever shot which cut this wood out and gave Shanghai a lie for no fewer than five. Disappointment was to come, however, for, with uncanny skill, Luz cut the other out and Hong Kong took the end for one. Luz did almost the same in the next end, though not quite so spectacularly, but it was a superb shot which transferred the advantage to Hong Kong for one.

Shanghai scored a single at the 12th, through Jensen trailing the jack and resting dead on. Hong Kong now went up by scoring seven in three heads. Atkinson lay on the jack and Luz drove for a second at the 13th. A medium end again.

Luz trailing the jack for two, Hong Kong scored three at the 15th through Shanghai throwing away woods, both Bailey and Stormes driving to no advantage. The score now stood at 18-13. The next four ends went to the locals. Jensen lay on Jack at the 16th, Luz shifted him, and Stormes drew a beauty with his last wood amidst applause. Jensen again lay at the 17th, McLeod just missing him. Luz drew the shot at a difficult angle, but Stormes scored again with his last. At the 18th, Jensen and Peck lay, with McLeod close in. Bailey just missed with a hard luck shot. Goodman lay and Stormes drove the jack and lay two. Luz saved one. Atkinson lay a very good one at the 19th, but Jensen robbed him. Peck and Bailey also lay in turn. Luz touched the jack and altered the position. Stormes went behind. Luz drove and missed, giving Shanghai one. The light was falling very rapidly, so a short end was played at the 20th. Jensen lay, but McLeod lay a better one and also another, whilst Luz knocked in the third. The score now stood Hong Kong 16-17.

The Final End.

There was great excitement at the last end and the visitors unwisely played a long end. The jack could scarcely be seen. Jensen tapped his first wood in with his second for the shot. McLeod knocked in for what appeared to be the shot, and Peck and Bailey were wide. Hong Kong evidently thought they were lying, but Stormes and Bailey knew better. Stormes threw both his woods away upon instructions from Bailey. Luz failed to change and upon a close measure it was found that Shanghai lay all right. Thus the match was won by Shanghai 18, Hong Kong 16 and the Practice Cup will find a resting-place in its old home once more, after two years absence.

On the day's play, Stormes was the best bowler; he saved his side on many occasions with some clever shots. Bailey was not as good as usual. Peck played a good game at second, whilst Jensen certainly starred as a leader. He was rarely off the jack. For Hong Kong, Goodman appeared to be the best, playing a steady game all through. Luz was brilliant at times, but not up to Sunday's display. McLeod came on towards the end with some excellent woods. Atkinson was weak. Hong Kong certainly missed their chance on Monday.

The full score of the match follows:—

	Hong Kong	Shanghai
1	—	3
2	—	2
3	—	3
4	—	1
5	—	2
6	—	8
7	—	4
8	—	1
9	—	1
10	—	5
11	—	6
12	—	6
13	—	8
14	—	10
15	—	13
16	—	13
17	—	13
18	—	13
19	—	13
20	—	16
21	—	16
Total	16	18

—N. C. Daily News.

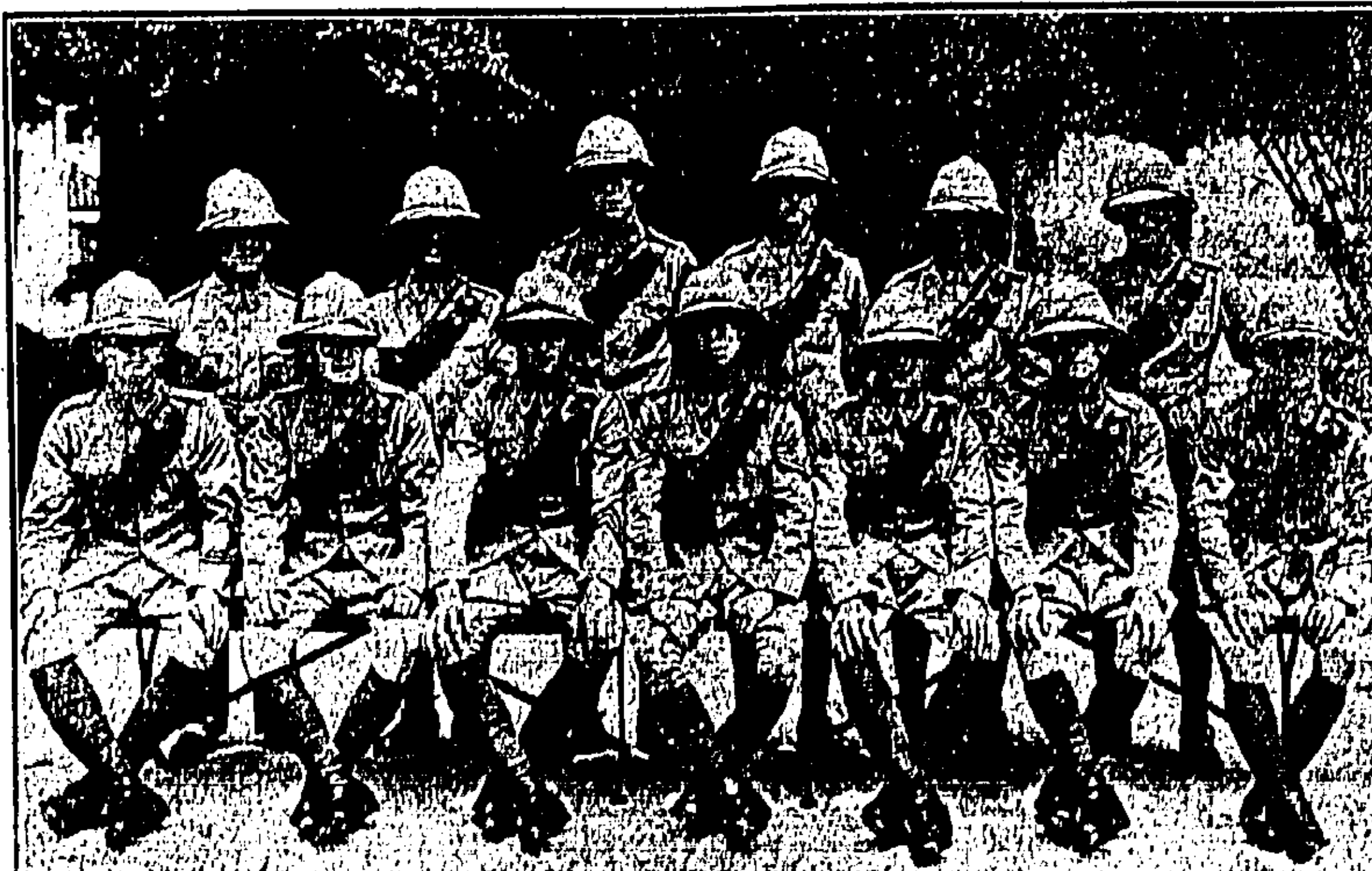
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(Skip) 11	(Skip) 19

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BASEBALL.

Filipinos Trounce Kiaoras.

SOME SLOPPY FIELDING.

Drawing first blood and leading all the way up to the sixth inning, the Kiaoras went to pieces afterwards, and lost to the Filipinos by 10 runs to 4 in the Baseball League yesterday.

Taking first base of the diamond, the Manila boys drew a blank. The Kiaoras tallied one run which was immediately equalised in the next frame. The Chinese nine got the upper hand again in the next stanza and, incidentally, blanked their opponents on three successive occasions.

From the sixth canto, the tables were completely turned, the Filipinos letting loose their heavy battery to chalk four runs. This had a disheartening effect on the Kiaoras, who tallied only one.

Sloppy fielding at this stage, on the part of the Chinese, allowed five more runners to dust the plate in the final frame, to which the Kiaoras replied with another single.

The teams and scores were as follows:—

	Kiaora.	Filipino.
K. K. Leung	ss	D. Leonard
C. K. Leung	fb	T. Leonard
C. C. Leung	c	Bautista
Howard Jan	p	Bowen
W. H. Sling	2b	Barros
Ed. Howe	lf	Piqueiro
M. Mak	3b	Cruz
E. Wong Tape	rf	Omar
Yuen Sang	cf	Castro
Y. S. Fong	sub	Raymond
H. H. Sling	sub	

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Filipino	0	1	0	0	4	5	—	—	—	10
Kiaora	1	0	1	0	1	1	—	—	—	4

League Table.

The positions in the League to date are:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Japanese	4	4	0	4
South China	3	2	1	2
Filipino	3	1	2	1
Kiaora	4	1	3	1
Texas	2	0	2	0

AMERICAN "MAJOR" LEAGUE.

New York, Yesterday. Games played in the National and American Leagues on Friday resulted as under:—

National League.	
New York	2 St. Louis
Brooklyn	7 Cincinnati
Boston	5 Pittsburgh
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Detroit	5 New York
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Coates	Bickford
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POLICE AT PLAY.

Aquatic Sports at V.R.C.

BIG LIST OF ENTRIES.

The ninth annual aquatic sports of the Police and Prisons Department, held at the V.R.C. swimming bath yesterday afternoon, was graced by the presence of His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.R.E., C.M.G.) who was attended by his A.D.C., Capt. Colman.

There was a very large crowd of spectators and H.E.'s party included the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police, His Honour Mr. Justice John R. Wood, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., and Mrs. King, the wife of Mr. T. H. King, director of Criminal Intelligence. The sport throughout the programme was very encouraging, the pillow fight and balloon race in particular providing lots of fun.

I.G.P.'s Witty Speech.

At the conclusion of the sports, the Hon. Mr. Wolfe meditated upon the possibility of getting a swimming bath for the two departments, but of course he had not lacked His Excellency, on the subject, because the Retrenchment Committee was sitting! (Laughter.)

Music was supplied by a jazz band headed by Mr. M. Sousa, and tea was also served. Dancing was later indulged in at the close of the distribution of prizes. Mr. Ed. A. da Roza again delighted the crowd with another of his fancy diving exhibitions, which included difficult dives, such as the back jack-knife and one and a half somersaults.

Sergt. Hunt Praised.

Prior to calling upon Mrs. T. H. King to give away the prizes Mr. L. H. V. Booth said that first of all he would like to thank all those who had contributed towards the prizes which made the success of the sports possible. He referred those present to the very hard work put in by Sergeant Hunt, who was largely responsible for the success of the sports. Besides being secretary and treasurer Sergeant Hunt was also the local representative of the Royal Life Saving Society. In this connection, he had put in a tremendous amount of work training the police and elements of the military.

Up to now 32 police officers had 32 passes and two members had gained the Society's award of merit. (Applause.)

Mr. Booth, continuing, said that all present would agree with him in thanking Mr. da Roza for his very delightful display in diving (more applause.) Mr. Booth pointed out that as an experiment the entrance fee this year was free. This proved to be an innovation, as last year there were only 20 entries, while yesterday there were 52 entries. He then called upon Mrs. King to present the prizes amidst prolonged applause.

Prize Winners.

1. Plate Diving:—1, L/S Williamson (30 plates); 2, L/S Simpson (23 plates).
2. 100 yards Championship of Police and Prisons—Indians and Chinese:—1, P.C. B478; 2, P.C. C210; 3, P.C. C611. Time: 90 secs.
3. 100 yards Championship of European Police and Prisons Department:—1, L/S Youe; 2, Warder Franks. Time 72 3/5 secs.
4. Two lengths handicap—Indians and Chinese, Police and Prisons:—1, P.C. C431; 2, P.C. B478; 3, P.C. B375.
5. Long Plunge:—1, L/S Williamson (49 ft. 11 ins.); 2, L/S Brand (47 ft. 11 1/2 ins.).
6. Two lengths handicap—Europeans:—1, Warder Franks; 2, L/S Youe; 3, L/S Coleman.
7. Street Boys' Club and Messengers' Race (two lengths):—1, Young Cheung; 2, Lee Yee; 3, Loung Wa.
8. Pillow Fight:—1, L/S Harris; 2, L/S Brand.
9. Two lengths breast stroke—European Officers of Police and Prisons Departments:—1, Warder Franks; 2, L/S Coleman; 3, P/C Thorpe. Time: 43 4/5 secs.
10. Two lengths handicap—Sons of Officers of Police and Prisons Departments (Post entries):—1, C. Evans; 2, R. Marks; 3, N. Reynolds.

11. High Dive—(Three plain dives—Points awarded for—Form in air, Entry and Recovery):—1, Detective-Sergeant Goodwin (92 points); 2, Warder Brimblecombe.
- Life Saving.
12. Life Saving. (This event was on the lines of the test for Life Saving Certificates, issued by the Royal Life Saving Society). The entries were confined to Officers holding Life Saving Certificates:—1, L/S Coleman with L/S Brand as patient; 2, L/S Harris with L/S Simpson as patient.
13. Police Reserve Race (Two lengths):—1, Mr. Stradmore; 2, Mr. Dixon. Time: 31 3/5 secs.
14. Two Lengths Race for Chinese Clerical Staff of Police and Prisons Departments and Fire Brigade:—1, Young Ping-kwai; 2, Tso Shu-wa.
15. Balloon Race:—1, Mrs. Brimblecombe and Warder Franks; 2, Mrs. Thorpe and L/S Bowers.
16. Team Race—Police, Prisons and Police Reserve—six a side. Each competitor swims one length:—1, Prisons Department; 2, Police. Time: 1 min. 31 secs.

Water Polo Match.

17. Water Polo.—In this match which was very evenly contested and exciting the Police beat the Prisons by 2 goals to one. L/S Williamson and L/S Bowers netted for the winners, while Warder Brimblecombe scored the only goal for the Prisons seven.

In Event No. 6 the 1st prize cup was given by Mr. Justice Wood, while in Event No. 9, the 1st prize cup was donated by Mr. D. Burlingham, D.S.P. Kowloon.

A special prize was presented to Mr. E. da Roza for his splendid diving.

Thanks to the Governor.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon. Mr. Wolfe said that before they broke up or resumed dancing, he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. King for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes. He thanked the hard working committee under Mr. Booth (President) for what they had done. Mr. Wolfe referred to the splendid bit of work put in by Sergeant Hunt who was also responsible for the running off of the heats. He said that the committee deserved every praise for the success of the ninth annual sports. (Applause.)

They were very fortunate indeed in securing the presence of H.E. the Governor who with Lady Peel, by doing so had shown great interest in both the police and police departments. Once again they had to thank the committee and members of the V.R.C. for placing at their disposal that very excellent swimming bath.

V.R.C.

Programme for Next Night Fete.

The following is the programme for the night fete at the V.R.C. on September 27:—
220 Yards Free Style—Championship of the Colony.
100 Yards Back Stroke—Championship of the Colony.

Diving Championship of the Colony—Competitors for the diving must perform three plain swallow dives from second and top platforms, and one fancy dive from either springboard or platform.
100 Yards Handicap—Members.
50 Yards Handicap—Ladies.
50 Yards Handicap—Boys.
Members Team Race.
Water Polo—Portugal v. England.

Events, if necessary, will be swum off on Wednesday, September 24.
Entries close on Sunday, September 21.

Other Championship Events.
Wednesday, October 1:—
440 Yards Free Style—Championship of the Colony.
Throwing the Water Polo Ball—Championship of the Colony.

Events, if necessary, will be swum on Monday, September 23, Wednesday, October 3:—
880 Yards Free Style—Championship of the Colony.
Long Plunge—Championship of the Colony.

Events, if necessary, will be swum off on Monday, October 6.
Entrance fee for Championship events—\$1 for each event.
Entries for Championships will close one week prior to date of race.



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LOCAL CRICKET.

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Preparing For Coming Season.

In a trial cricket match at the Indian R.C., an eleven captained by A. H. Rumjahn defeated a side (playing twelve men) led by F. M. el Arculli, by nine wickets.

Bowlers on the winning side were in splendid form and easily dismissed the opposition for the small total of 43 runs, Hajee Esmail (18) being the only batsman to make a stand. A. el Arculli accounted for four wickets for 12, A. H. Madar's two victims cost but one run, and five other bowlers got a wicket each cheaply.

Putting together 40 runs for the first wicket in a patient stand against some difficult bowling, A. el Arculli (23) and S. A. Ismail (21)

paved the way to the easy victory of their side.

Fine Trundling.

The attack of the I.R.C. is expected to be considerably strengthened this season by F. D. Pereira, a recent arrival to the Colony. Taking a comparatively short run up to the wicket, he delivers them extremely fast and has a devil of a kick on a hard ground.

Convincing as his display was yesterday, his figures being 3 for 22, he was really unfortunate in his first spell (of four overs) which was unproductive, as the opening bats against him were rather "sitting on the splices"—quite correct tactics, however, under the circumstances.

Scores:—

Mr. Arculli's Team.

M. P. Madar, c A. A. Rumjahn, b Curreen	0
J. S. Aekker, lbw, b Irani	3
A. R. Hajee Esmail, b A. el Arculli	18
A. S. Sufiad, c S. A. Ismail, b M. R. Abbas	8
F. D. Pereira, c A. A. Rumjahn, b J. M. A. Rumjahn	0
A. R. Sufiad, b A. el Arculli	7
F. M. el Arculli, c S. A. Ismail, b A. A. Rumjahn	23
T. Hamet, c Curreen, b A. el Arculli	0
S. Ismail, st. S. A. Ismail, b A. H. Madar	21
D. Mohamed, c A. A. Rumjahn, b A. H. Madar	2
Extras	2
Total	43

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Irani	5	2	6	1
Curreen	4	0	7	1
J. M. A. Rumjahn	4	1	5	1
M. R. Abbas	2	1	1	1
A. el Arculli	6	2	12	4
A. A. Rumjahn	3	1	5	1
A. H. Madar	3	5	1	2
A. R. Abbas	2	0	4	0

Mr. Rumjahn's XI.

A. el Arculli, b A. S. Sufiad	23
S. A. Ismail, c Hajee Esmail, b F. M. el Arculli	21
O. Ismail, c S. Ismail, b F. M. el Arculli	3
A. H. Madar, run out	10
A. A. Rumjahn, b Pereira	10
J. S. A. Curreen, c and b Pereira	0
B. Irani, c S. Ismail, b A. M. Rumjahn	8
J. M. A. Rumjahn, run out	5
M. R. Abbas, lbw, b A. S. Sufiad	1
A. R. Abbas, not out	13
A. H. Rumjahn, c A. M. Rumjahn, b Pereira	4
Extras	5
Total	90

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pereira	0.1	3	22	3
A. M. Rumjahn	0	1	18	1
A. S. Sufiad	4	1	14	0
A. S. Sufiad	3	1	14	2
F. M. el Arculli	3	0	8	0
Hajee Esmail	3	0	8	0
Darima	3	0	12	0

A. & S.H. v. H. Q. WING S.L.I.

On the Royal Navy ground at King's Park, the Machine Gun Company of the Agyll and Sutherland Highlanders defeated Headquarters Wing Somerset Light Infantry by 35 runs.

Bowlers hold the upper hand all through the match, the Machine Gunners compiling 76 runs and then dismissing the H.Q. Wing S.L.I. for 40.

L/Cpl. Robson of the winning side, secured both the batting and bowling honours. He followed up his batting performance of 23 runs, the highest individual score, by taking six wickets for 81. Scores:—

Machine Gun (A. & S.H.)

L/Cpl. Hogarth, c Guest, b	7
L/Cpl. Robson, c Bristow, b Tapp	29
Pte. Heather, run out	3
Pte. Ingles, b Tapp	4
L/Cpl. Chambers, run out	2
L/Cpl. McKenzie, c Guest	8
L/Cpl. Jack, c Guest, b Tapp	7
L/Cpl. Whitely, b Guest	7
L/Cpl. Jackson, b Guest	9
Pte. Gould, not out	3
Cpl. Gardiner, b Bristow	3
Extras	3
Total	75

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bristow	8	1	32	3
Bristow	5	0	6	2
Tapp	7	0	18	3
Dere	2	1	8	0
Hurford	3	0	8	0

H.Q. Wing S.L.I.

Pte. Bristow, b Robson	1
Pte. Guest, c Chambers, b	2
Heather	0
L/Cpl. Tapp, b Heather	0
L/Cpl. Trebble, c Jackson, b	1
Heather	1
L/Cpl. Templeman, c Jackson, b	15
Robson	0
L/Cpl. Pear, c Jack, b Heather	7
L/Cpl. Hurford, b Robson	0
Pte. Hector, not out	1
Pte. Read, b Robson	0
Boy Dore, b Robson	0
L/Cpl. Durman, b Robson	0
Extras	7
Total	40

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robson	7	3	8	6
Heather	4	0	16	4
Chambers	2	0	9	0

NAVAL REGATTA.

H.M.S. Cornwall Wins Challenge Cup.

SQUALLY WEATHER.

The following message gives full particulars regarding the annual regatta held by units of the British Navy on the China Station, in Wei-hai-wei Harbour, on Thursday and Friday, September 4 and 5 when the cruisers Kent, Cornwall and Cumberland competed in 24 rowing events, already briefly reported in the "N.C.D.N." The weather was squally, with a fresh northeasterly breeze blowing, a change from the calm sea which usually favours the regatta. A large number of summer visitors watched the races from the men-of-war in the harbour and were entertained to tea.

The results follow:—

Despatch Cup for Seamen (whalers) won by the Cornwall.
Minotaur Challenge Cup for Stokers (cutters) won by the Cornwall.

E. A.'s and O. A.'s (gigs) won by the Kent.

Wei-hai-wei Import & Export Co.'s Cup for Marines (whalers) won by the Kent.

Captain's Challenge Cup for Seamen (cutters) won by the Cumberland.

Arbutnot Challenge Cup for Commanding Officers (gigs) won by the Cornwall.

C.P.O.'s (gigs) won by the Cornwall.

Marine Officers' Challenge Cup for Marines (cutters) won by the Kent.

Veterans (skiffs) won by the Kent.

Young Seamen (whalers) won by the Cornwall.

W. O's Skiff for Warrant Officers (gigs) won by the Cumberland.

Wei-hai-wei Challenge Cup for Stokers (whalers) won by the Cornwall.

Hampshire Cup for Youths (cutters) won by the Kent.

Roe Cup for Daymen (whalers) won by the Kent.

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Hawkins Cup for Seamen (gigs) won by the Kent.

Veteran Officers (skiffs) won by the Cumberland.

Chefoo Challenge Cup for Young Seamen (cutters) won by the Cornwall.

Band (whalers) won by the Cornwall.

Baird Cup for Subordinate Officers (gigs) won by the Cumberland.

Youths (whalers) won by the Cornwall.

Artisans (gigs) won by the Cornwall.

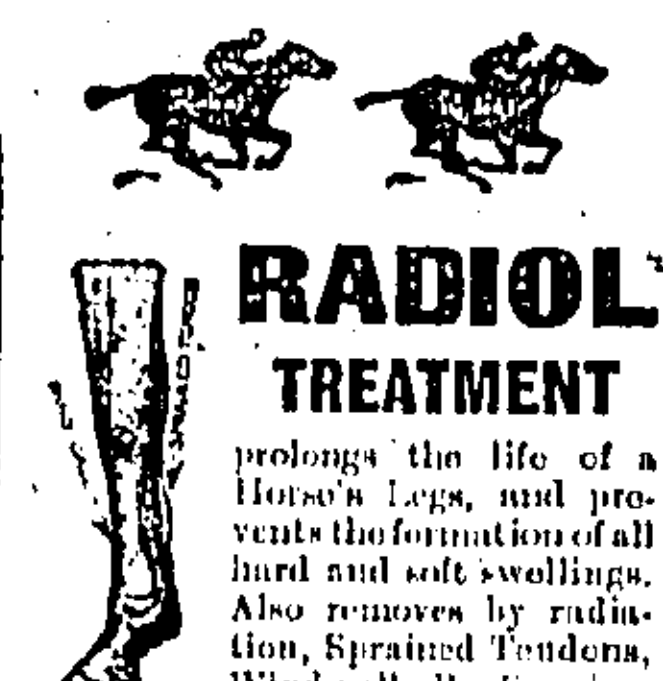
Submarine C. O.'s Cup for Petty Officers (cutters) won by the Kent.

Ambrose Cup (for 5 C.S. only) and E.R.A.'s Cruiser Cup for E.R.A.'s (gigs) won by the Cornwall.

Submarine Cup for Signal and

W/T (whalers) won by the Kent.

The winning ship was H.M.S. Cornwall, to whom the Yokohama Bowl (the Squadron Challenge Cup) is transferred from last year's winners, H.M.S. Kent. The second ship was H.M.S. Kent and the third H.M.S. Cumberland. The submarine depot ship, H.M.S. Medway, took part in several races, but did not compete.



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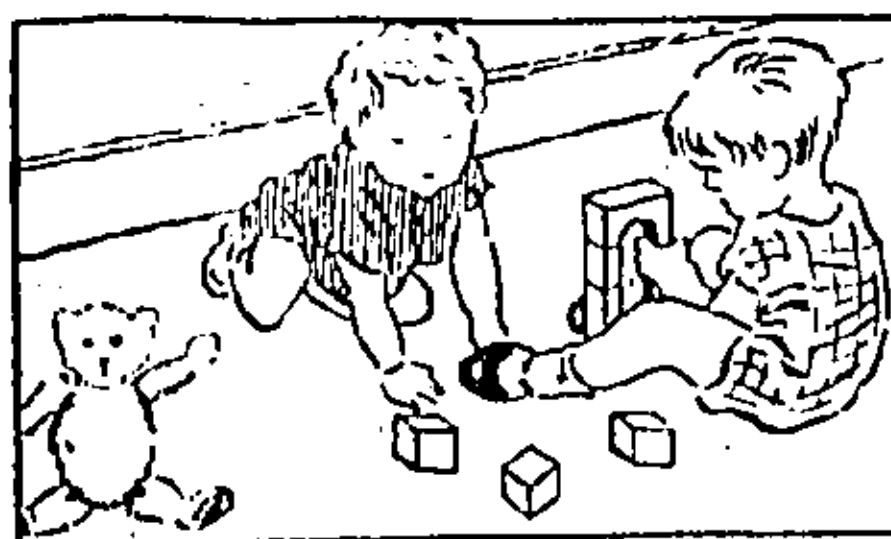
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

WISH CAME TRUE.

Billie had a holiday, and he set off by himself to stroll down the lane. It was a very hot day, and he stood for a while near the gateway of Farmer Hoin's field watching the man cut down the grass.

The machine made a pleasant ringing sort of music as it went by, leaving a row of fallen grass each time it passed. "Just like sea waves," said Billie, as he watched.

Then he went on again, saying to himself: "I wish I was by the sea just now; it would be so jolly to take off my shoes and stockings and paddle in the water."

He began to whistle as he went along. I wish I was going to play cricket this afternoon," he said, as he looked across the smooth grass where the boys played on Saturdays.

However, the field was deserted, so he went down the hill till at last he came to the old bridge that spanned the stream.

Here he stopped and, leaning over the low parapet, he watched the water go sparkling along, and then he took off his cap and fanned his hot face with it. "Whew, isn't it hot?" he said aloud; then, looking into the stream, he said "I wish I was a little fish."

He thought he heard a footstep behind him, and he turned quickly to see if anyone was there. Nobody was to be seen, so he leaned over and looked at the water again and said, "If there were fairies and things, they might change boys like me into fishes and things."

Then he heard a little chuckling laugh just behind him. Quickly he turned, and there he saw a funny looking little man standing on a large stone.

"Who are you?" asked Billie, staring at this queer little fellow: "I'm one of those people who grant wishes," said the dwarf. "Not a fairy, are you?" asked Billie.

"Certainly, I belong to the fairy people," said the dwarf. "I heard you talking aloud to yourself, you know, and that's a sure way to get fairies to listen to you. I heard you wish three times, and I've come to grant your third wish."

The little fellow suddenly jumped from the stone, sprang upon bridge parapet, struck Billie with the willow wand he held in his hand, and next thing Billie knew he was tumbling head over heels into the water below.

He found the water over so

cool and pleasant, and suddenly he noticed that he had no longer any arms or legs. He had become a small fish with fins and a tail that wagged beautifully as he swam about.

"Oh, this is ever so jolly," thought Billie to himself, as he darted about. Down the stream he drifted till he came to a quiet place where the water was fairly still and deep. He lay there for a moment in the shade of a rock and then, just on the surface of the water, he saw a fly with shiny wings.

He felt hungry, and darted up and grabbed at the fly; the next minute something was dragging at his mouth and he was lifted clean out of the water.

"A lovely fellow," said a voice. "I'll keep him for my goldfish bowl," and the boy who had caught him dropped him into a large glass jar that stood beside him on the bank.

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After a while the boy stopped fishing, and picked up his jar and went home.

He lived in a cottage just below

Billie's home, and Billie began to wish he had never wanted to become a fish.

However, there he was in the jar, and Jack's mother was saying, "Why it's a good sized fish, Jack. Why not have it cooked for tea?" "Oh, dear!" cried Billie, but nobody heard him, because fishes have such tiny voices that humans cannot hear them at all. "Please don't cook me; I'm not a fish really."

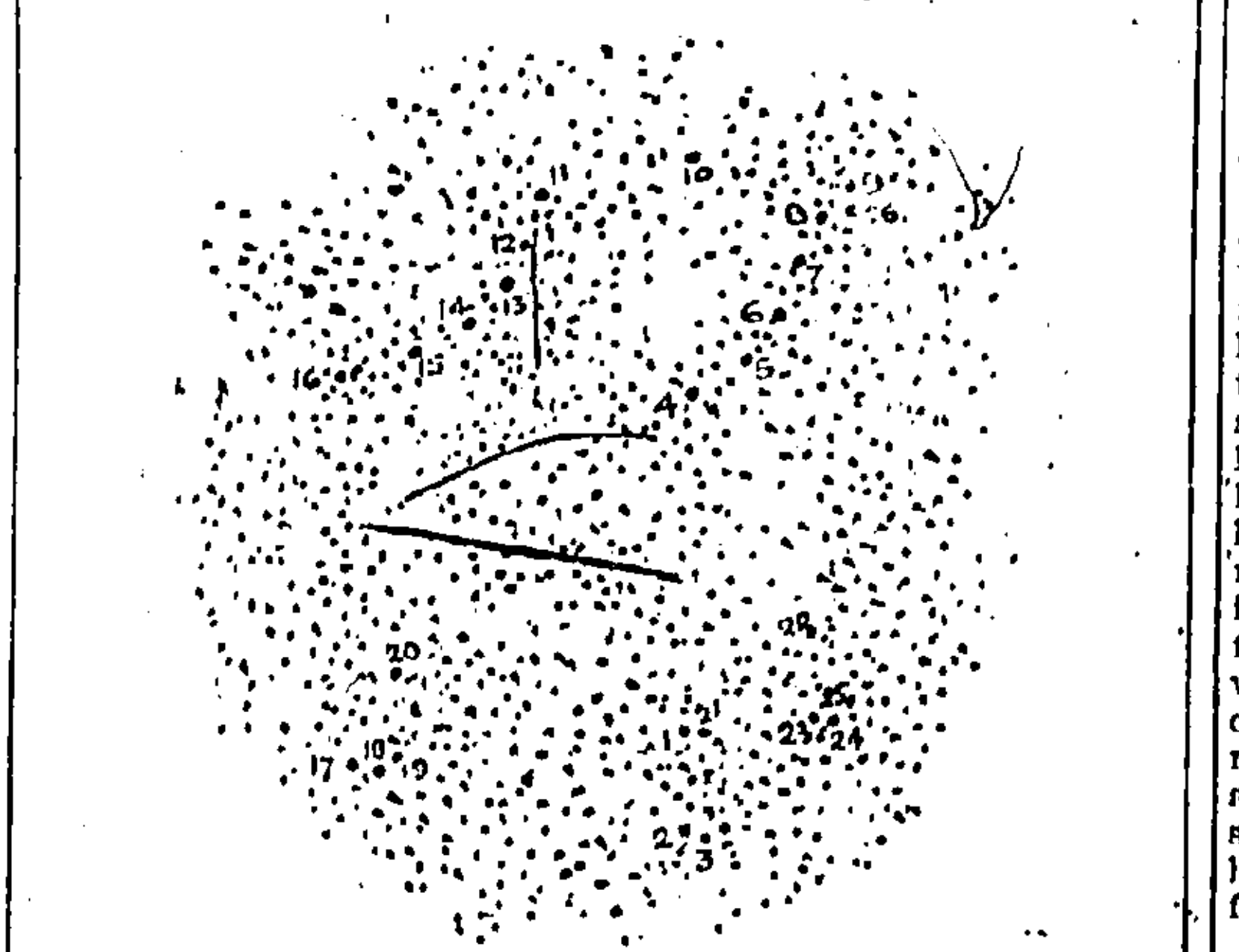
"All right, mother," said Jack, and he went to take Billie out of the jar. Somehow he handled it clumsily, and the jar crashed to the floor and out flopped Billie.

Jack turned to tell his mother what had happened, and when he looked round again there stood his pal Billie, in his ordinary form of a boy, and the fish was nowhere to be seen. "Hello, Billie," said Jack. "When did you come?" I never heard you. Help me to look for my fish, will you. I've lost it!"

Billie saw the little dwarf standing beside the broken jar, and he was making signs to him not to tell Jack about his adventure.

They looked about, but never found the fish, of course, and the dwarf disappeared, but all the boys wonder how it is that Billie will never go fishing with them. He always says he doesn't care for fishing.

A STUDY OBJECT.



Object of contentment, father's sole property, adornment of study, drawing room, or lounge. I don't think you can guess what it is, so connect the first numbered dot to the second numbered dot and so on until you reach the 26th numbered dot. Am I not right in my description of this object?

TSARIST POLICE.

Ochrana and the Cheka.

["The Ochrana," by A. T. Vassilyev. Edited, with an introduction, by Rene Fulp-Miller; (Harper, 15s.).]

Though the purpose of this book is to defend the Tsarist secret police against those who charged it with medieval barbarity in combating revolutionary movements, it serves to show quite clearly that the Ochrana was only less tyrannous than its liberal descendant, the Cheka, and that—as Herr Fulp-Miller points out—"if we are to seek for prototypes of Russian modes of government, be they Tsarist or Revolutionary, we shall find them in the Spain and Italy of the Middle Ages."

Vassilyev, the last chief of the Ochrana, was unwaveringly loyal and naïvely honest, but he was without imagination or elasticity of mind. After spending months in one of his own prisons, he was asked to become a secret agent of the Cheka. Refusing the substantial bribe, he chose rather to become a railway porter in Paris and to end his days penniless.

Because of his transparent honesty of purpose, his description of the workings of the Ochrana is almost more terrible than the indictments of the pre-war Revolutionaries. The Cheka and the G.P.U., as he himself admits, have merely perfected and extended a system of espionage without parallel in modern Europe; and if the Bolsheviks have anything left to learn in this direction they will find it in Vassilyev's very detailed account of the organisation of his police at home and abroad.

The book includes the most reliable account we have yet had of the murder of Rasputin, for Vassilyev was himself charged with the subsequent investigation. The often-repeated story that Rasputin, at the fatal dinner party, consumed without effect enough poisoned cakes and wine to have killed a dozen men is simply explained. The physician who had been entrusted with the task of putting potassium cyanide into the cakes and wine-glasses was seized with

acrophobia, and substituted some harmless substance.

Of the monk himself Vassilyev draws a sober and matter-of-fact picture widely at variance with the "holy devil" of romantic history.

JOAN OF ARC.

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French Academy, and this is an admirable English version, ornamented with reproductions of contemporary documents and early illuminated manuscripts. The chapters are curiously unequal, but the effect is very impressive. The "magnificent amends" made since by England and their fight response, and England's share both in the crime and in the expiation meets with handsome treatment, as it ought. For, let Mr. Shaw say what he will, England's part in the cruel plot had patriotism behind it, and there was no redeeming element in the French.

Marshal Foch's survey of the military position is excellent, and Mr. Baudrillard comes near to a fine apotheosis of the Maid as saint. But the best of the nine contributions is Mr. Lavedan's study of the city of Orleans as the real stage of the drama, with its stirring picture of the legions of saints and heroes of the past who fought unseen under the Maid's banner.

DAVID'S GREAT ADVENTURE.

BY EVELYN FULLERTON.

What Has Happened.

David passes his hand three times over the White Pebble, and immediately becomes as small as the Fairies. He is then taken into the Forest by the Green Man, who explains that the Pebble which David found is a free pass for someone out of the Forest People to go to a big party in the Root Palace, organised by the Fairies' Society for Doing Good. The Green Man then conducts David to the scene of festivities—a beautiful, glow, lit up by the full moon, and shining with Japanese lanterns and little fairy lights. He introduces David to the Raspberry Fairies.

NOW READ ON.

Chapter III.

All the little fairies danced round David and laughed and asked him how he was, and whether he didn't think the party was going to be great fun, and said they'd see him again at supper, and they all tried to make him promise to sit by them, and told him all at once how the end of the green lantern had fallen down, and what a time they'd had putting it up again—and in fact were all so charming and kind to him that David, who at first had felt very shy among so many strange little girls, was soon quite at home and set as if he had known them for ever so long—and was just going to show them his new way of turning a somersault when Gnome said they had better be going on. So while he led David, who, of course, was longing to stay and play with his new friends, on under the lanterns into a long wide passage, the little fairies all clustered round the doorway and waved and shook their curls and called out all sorts of messages, and David waved back and did his best to do his new somersault with Gnome holding one hand and being walked along as fast as he could go.

A Patter of Feet. They had not been walking many minutes before they heard voices and a patter of feet behind them, and turning round whom should they see hurrying after them but the squirrel who had been watching David when he woke up, and his

friend the sleek black rat. The squirrel was now quite dressed, and most immaculate he was too—in a black velvet jacket with shining silver buttons and long white button-up garters. "No wonder he had to have a button-hook!" thought David. "Hello, hello! Hello!" said the Rat. He also had on a black velvet jacket, but he was bigger and more flowing than the squirrel's, and his collar, which was open, was tied with an enormous white bow with red spots. He was also wearing a monocle, at least the monocle was on a black ribbon round his neck and he kept waving it about, and looking first at the ceiling and then at people's boots with it.

"Hello, hello! Hello! Gnome, how art?" (Which really means: "Gnome, how are you?" but Ratty was rather poetical.)

"And my little friend Bobby too; well, well!"

"My name's David," said David.

"It's not Bobby."

"David? Oh, but how wonderful! I've never met anyone called David before. I must jot that down." He pulled out a beautiful gold note book, with a gold pencil and wrote in very beautiful letters: David, or The Boy who was not Bobby.

"Not a bad title that for a poem!" he said, sucking his pencil and gazing at what he had written. "Do you write poetry?" asked David.

"Oh yes! Sometimes—a mere nothing, but it does. Are you fond of it?"

Concerning A Frog.

"Well I don't write it," said David. "At least not proper poetry. Collin and I wrote one once about a frog we found, but Nanny said it didn't rhyme. But I've got a book of poetry, which I like."

"Do you know that's rather an interesting point you just mentioned," said Ratty. "That about your finding it hard to make it rhyme. Do you know, curiously enough, I find that the difficulty too? The title—the subject—even how many verses to have: I find quite easy to decide upon, but somehow the rhyme just slips me."

"The way of the essential artist is always hard," Ratty, said Squirrel, who until now had been talking with Gnome.

Ratty laughed and coughed rather self-consciously, and Gnome laughed

TRAMP IN ITALY.

[Afoot in Italy; by John Gibbons; (George Newnes, 7s. 6d.).]

Mr. John Gibbons' latest travel book describes a tramp through Italy from the south. Although he is 47 years of age, his style is that of a youngster out for a holiday. He sets things down just as he sees them, and he has a keen eye for the humour of incongruity.

So strong has been the influence of the Duce, we are assured, that all the men of the country model themselves on him and carry out his precepts to the letter. Mr. Gibbons tried his best to bribe policemen, railway conductors, and similar functionaries, who were usually bribable in former days, but not a lira would they accept. No greater tribute could be paid to the thoroughness of the Mussolini regime. One cannot say that the author sheds much new light on Italy itself, but he certainly sees the comic side of things, and for this we are thankful to him in these days of hyperseriousness.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Student (to Professor): "You promised to address us to-day upon the human brain."

Professor: "So I did, so I did, but it must be at some future time. I have something else in my head to-day."

Lady (meeting family doctor in street): "By the way, doctor, I wish you would step in to-morrow and see the children."

Doctor: "But surely—er—they look as fit as fiddlers."

Lady: "Yes, but they're going to a party to-night."

"Papa, doesn't precipitation mean the same as settling?"

"It does in chemistry, my son; but in business you'll find that many persons in settling don't show any precipitation at all!"

The Vicar had called on Mrs. Jones, and finding no one at home had scribbled "Sorry to have found you out" on a card, and slipped it through the letter-box.

When Mrs. Jones returned late that evening, her maid met her at the door. "Oh, Mum," she whispered, presenting the card, "I took charge of this. It would never do for the master to know the vicar's found you out!"

and coughed, and Squirrel shook his head.

All the time they had been walking on, the passage had been getting wider and wider, and they had been catching up with people in front of them, and others had caught up to them, so that they were now part of quite a procession of animals and birds, and even David was very thrilled to see several little groups of Flower Fairies. These all wore very soft capes which flowed loosely about them, and they all had hoods which covered their hair. The capes were all either pale green or pale blue-grey, but David could see that under the capes they all had very beautiful and very different, coloured dresses.

Strains of Minstrelsy.

They now began to hear strains of music, and a hum of voices ahead of them, and they soon found themselves in the midst of a bustling, talking crowd, in which every one seemed to be saying "Hello!" to everybody else. They all pushed along until they soon arrived in what Gnome told David was the Cloak-and-galosh-room, and here everyone began taking off his or her wraps and mufflers, and hanging them up on pegs round the wall, and David saw that nearly all of them had galoshes which they pulled off and put into lockers under the pegs where they'd hung their coats. Those that hadn't galoshes had a little bag out of which they pulled their dancing-shoes.

David was just wondering whether they would let him into the party in his garden shoes when a very kind and motherly rabbit, whom David loved at once, came up to him and kissed him and called him a darling little boy, and said that her name was Mrs. Bunny, and that if he came with her she would give him some nice dancing-shoes.

So David went with her to a fat corner of the Cloak-and-galosh-room and she found him a lovely pair of pale blue satin ones with bows—David asked her if she hadn't some without bows, but she hadn't any small enough, and besides, she said, all nice little boys wore bows. She then brushed his hair for him, and said he might call her Auntie Bunny, and he went back to Gnome feeling very happy.

In The Root Palace. "Now," said Gnome, "Are you ready?—Come." As a good many others seemed to be ready just about the same time they all went together into a fairly large hall, with huge folding-doors at one end; the doors were closed and the

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handles were tied together. David noticed that the walls, which were of earth, were patterned with roots, and that the floor, from the folding-doors to a door beside the one by which they had entered, was strewn with petals, which seemed faintly to scent the air.

Gnome was very busy the whole time, speaking with everybody, and introducing David all round, for everyone wanted to speak to the little "Stone Boy," as they called him.

David looked among everyone for the Raspberry Fairies, but they were nowhere to be seen, and when he asked Gnome about them, he merely said they would come in time; but in the meanwhile he took David over to a group of little girls who were playing "I spy" in the corner.

Some of them were dressed all in white and their dresses clung closely to them, and the others were wearing soft mauve dresses, of different shades, and these had golden hair. They wore the Snow-drop, and the Wood-Violet Fairies. They also were delighted with David, and some of them said they had seen him that afternoon when he had lost the Stone, and had called to him, but that he had not heard. "And you'd be surprised," said one of them "how often we speak to you Human People, and how seldom you hear."

Auntie Bunny.

David joined them in play'ng "I spy," when suddenly he cried, quite out of turn; "O—I spy the Rabbit!—Oh!—And Auntie Bunny!"

And there, sure enough, was the very Rabbit that had disappeared down the rabbit-hole, and at his side, in her beautiful black rusty gown, and her face beaming on everyone, was Auntie Bunny.

"Well, I never! If this isn't Young Hopscotch! Here, Auntie B! This is the kid I told you about—who got lost, and whom I found just outside the front-door—Hullo, Hopscotch!"

"Oh, dear Auntie Bunny, do come and play with us!" cried David. And all the Snowdrops and the Wood-Violets ran up to her and to David and pulled them down in the middle of them.—(To Be Continued Next Week.)

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Police Booze Raids

The recent Police case against the Chitose Kwan Hotel, Wanchai, for selling beer without meals, as required by the conditions of their adjunct licence, aroused quite a lot of interest in the Colony and even Hong Kong "more far." That vex point as to whether a sandwich, which was given away free with each bottle of beer, constitute a meal has been the subject of much heated arguments in many places, and the surprise is that there were no broken heads over it!

A Solicitor's View.

One man, a solicitor, told the writer that a meal did not depend on size but on the appetite of the person eating it. In the beastly weather we are having many a big man cannot eat much, and he knows several who have daily lunched on a couple of sandwiches and a bottle of milk or beer as the taste might dictate. And after all, beer is well known to be very "filling," so that even a "miserable little sandwich" washed down with a large bottle of beer can be a meal.

What About the Hotels?

Then there is the point brought up by another man who asks "What about the hotels which supply free snacks in their lounges with alcoholic drinks? Why are they not prosecuted? They are equally as liable," he maintains. This, however, the writer confesses is too "legal" for him to comment on, and is merely recorded to show the lines of argument which have been advanced.

An Eager Decoy!

The funniest incident of all, and one well worth recording, is an interview which the writer had with a friend who recently came down from Canton on a visit. The friend very seriously asked how he could secure a job as a Police decoy. Asked how he proposed to be useful to the Police, the Cantonian replied: "By telling them about booze joints like the Chitose, of course! I know dozens of them in this little berg."

Who Pays?

After the laughter had died down, the Cantonian continued as seriously as before: "Tell me," he said. "Who paid for the two bottles of beer which the two constables drank at the Chitose?"

The writer said that he supposed that as the constables were sent there by a superior officer they could be considered to be "on duty," and the beer would be paid for out of Police funds.

"That's just what I thought," said the Cantonian, "and that is why I am keen on getting a job as a Police decoy in bars. These bad times with money so tight I don't mind all the free drinks that's going!"

Sales Talk!

The writer tried to speak, but the Cantonian rattled on: "I could come down here every week-end and make cases for the Police. The reason why I came to see you about it is because you know so many of the 'Big Uns' in the Police and you can put in a good word for me. I have even thought out a line of argument for you to place before them, like this: The advantage, Mr. Pompan (or whatever the title may be), of employing a decoy other than a member of the Police ought to be obvious. Think for a moment, Sir. These constables are all young men just out from home as recruits and it does not do to encourage them to take up drinking so early, even at the call of duty, etc., etc!"

Pricking the Bubble.

Then the writer very brutally dampened the poor Cantonian's enthusiasm. "You poor boob," he said, "do you think this sort of thing is a weekly party? If so, let me tell you you are mistaken. The last case of this sort that I can remember was some three years ago when the Asahi Beer Hall was fined. It is only as an occasional reminder that some Ordinance is still in force that such things are done. Come back in 1933 and I'll see what I can do for you in the way of getting you that decoy job!"

It's No Joke.

"But you can't be serious," pleaded the Cantonian. The writer replied that he was and pointed out that the revenue of the Colony could not possibly stand for a weekly raid which would mount up to quite a stiff Police Supplementary Vote in the Legislative Council! Then, think of the outcry that is bound to follow. This sort of thing is amusing only once in a while!

That settled the matter and the Cantonian departed that same afternoon for the City of Rams, and he was a very sad man!

A Harbour Swim.

Last week the daily papers published the story of an unlicensed man backing a motor lorry into the harbour at Shaukiwan and gave himself and a companion a "ducking." He was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for driving the lorry without a driver's licence, failed to appear in Court, and his bail of \$25 was exonerated. These are the plain facts that came out in Court and were duly dished up for the public, but the cream of the story remains to be served up.

An Exciting Episode.

Those who were astir on the waterfront at Shaukiwan at 8 a.m., on the day of the accident were treated to the exciting spectacle of the man responsible for the accident bravely attempting to swim across the harbour in order to avoid arrest. He struck out powerfully in the direction of Kowloon and the Police's shouted threats could not make him stop. Then a detective got into a sampan and rowed out after him.

What a thrilling race that was! The man had got so far out that he was little more than a speck in the middle of the harbour before he was overhauled by the sampan and "fished" out. Then he was taken to the Shaukiwan Police Station, and there decided to do the "next best thing" and that was to part with \$25 and then make himself scarce!

Colonel Bostock.

The staff of the Royal Naval Dockyard here will regret to hear that the death occurred suddenly at Burford Priory, Oxford, on August 12, at the age of 55, of Col. John Southey Bostock, C.B.E., Commandant of the R.A.M. College, Millbank. He was the eldest son of Dr. E. I. Bostock, all of whose six sons served in the war, three being killed. Col. Bostock served at home and abroad with the R.A.M.C., and was in the retreat from Mons. Returning to Britain, he took charge of the great war hospital at Eastbourne. He was director of medical services at the Ministry of Pensions from 1919 to 1923, and was then appointed P.M.O. in Hong Kong. Six months ago he took up the appointment at Millbank. He was made C.B.E. in 1923.

SUNDAY SALLIES.

Latest foreign news:—The Persian lamb refuses to lie down with the Turkey.

To-day's helpful hint. If you mix a few match heads with your tobacco you'll find that pipe won't go out so frequently.

A man has had a court case with his wife's mother. We can think of nothing more awe-inspiring than a mother-in-law.

To-day's highly improbable yarn: There was a certain English commercial traveller and he never told a story illustrating the meanness of Scotsmen.

According to Mr. J. H. Thomas, there is no country better off than England at the moment.—And, with one loud and unanimous voice, Scotland replies, "Hear, hear."

The Oval, it appears, belongs to the Prince of Wales, but there is no truth in the statement that, following on the cricket in the last Test Match, he has decided to convert it into a racing ground for tortoises.

Batches of prisoners in English jails have been enjoying a brief holiday in the Isle of Wight. If Victoria Jail residents hear about this they will be clamouring for an outing to Repulse Bay or a week under canvas at Macao.

Chinese kiddies are getting air-minded. There is keen rivalry in kite-flying, and some of the aerial toys are achieving good altitudes.

The Duke of York was shot on the Angus moors.—But he has no grouse. It was by the harmless camera of an American lady tourist.

Riddle: Why are certain Hong Kong streets like Hollywood stars?

Answer: Because they change their names frequently.

A magistrate states that landladies are often "taken in." This we think is poaching on their preserves. Landladies usually are quite frank about taking in boarders.

\$8 a week in each home is reckoned by a Welshman to be the perfect income. And the outcome, of course, would be a call from the Income (Tax) man. A sort of come and go affair.

Talking about a talkie recently, one man declared that he thought we would hear more of a comedy writer called—what was the name?—Wagglestaff or something ridiculously American like that.

If the waters of the harbour look rather more churned up than usual these days, the Harbour Board must not be blamed. After all, they were not responsible for the "Wee Channel" swim by the Talkie Kiddies.

A composer of popular songs has been divorced. The plaintiff is due the highest commendation for her moderation and restraint.

Birmingham barbers are complaining about blackness in trade. In fact, they are losing their wool through other people keeping their hair on.

In other cities to wound a man's pride you hit him in the eye, tweak his nose, and box his ears; but in Teo House Street you have only to bash his bowler.

The fact that so many men are stronger now with their left arm rather than with their right may be attributed to the fact that it is the right that has to do the driving in a motor car.

A lecturer has learned that there is such a thing as a "business voice." There is no truth in the statement, however, that he gained his knowledge at the altar when his wife answered "I will."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is said to be searching Elgin and Inverness for antiques. Now, if he was to come to this Colony we could draw his attention to some fine antiques—in Government Service.

The man who escaped from a French prison by squeezing himself through the bars of the cell window, which had been liberally smeared with butter, will be thinking himself no small chesno. Victoria Jail inmates might be trying this trick—if they had the butter.

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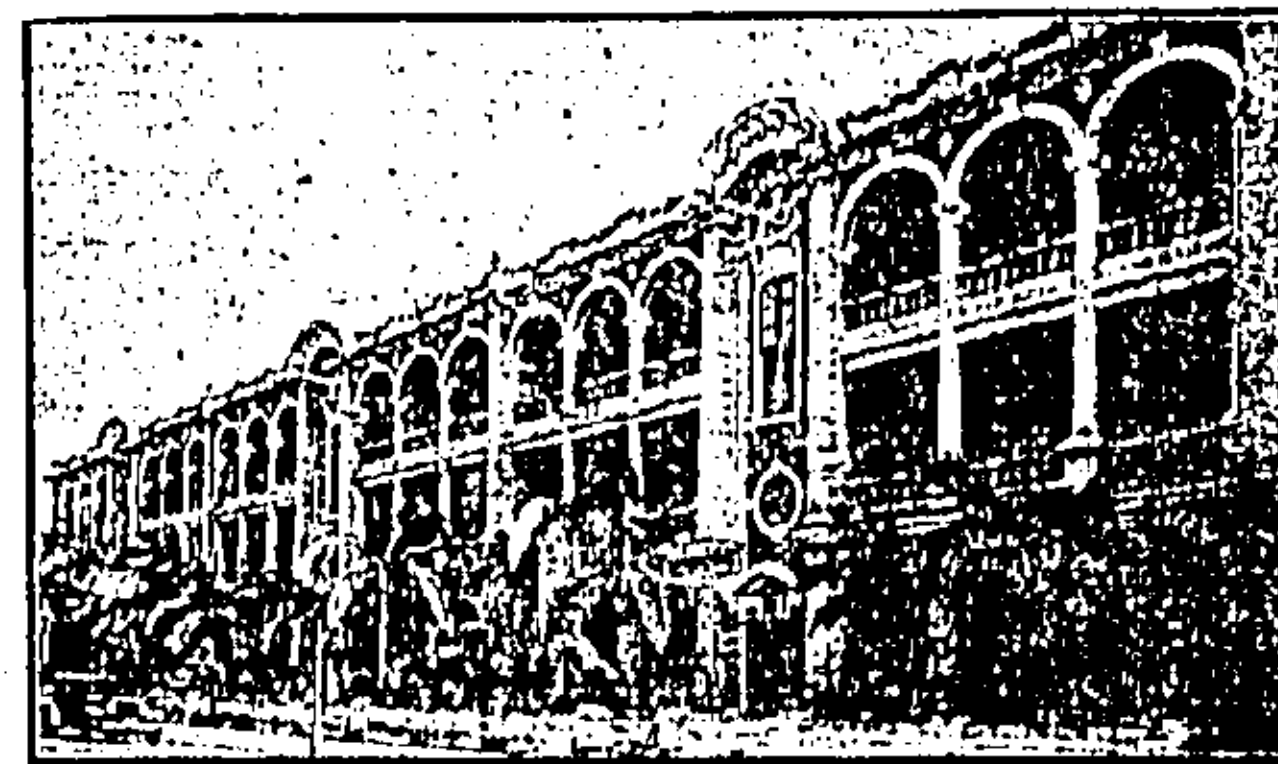
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Back to 1918 and 1924.

THERE is nothing sensational in the verdict of the jury in connection with the lamentable tragedy at Lok Ma Chau in which there were sacrificed the lives of a young British wife and two Indian constables. The verdict was long foreseen. The recommendation of the jury was likewise foreseen—and intelligently anticipated in an article in this column on July 27. That recommendation is that "all outlying Police Stations should have a European officer on the premises all the time even if this involves augmenting the Force."

In our article of July 27 we asked:—

Is it not a fact that Sergt. Madgwick, who has suffered an irreparable loss, was in sole charge of the Lok Ma Chau Station? Is it not a fact that Sergt. Gardiner is in command of the Water Police launch which patrols the river; is out all day; and only comes in at night to sleep? Is that the proper conception of the suggestion that two European officers ought to be attached to each out station during the whole—and not a part—of each twenty-four hours? Why have the authorities failed us?

We are unfortunately not finished. We have other questions to ask that demand an immediate answer without evasion or equivocation. Is it not a fact that Lok Ma Chau is not the only outstation that is one-manned? Are not all the minor stations in the so-called "wilds" in a similar predicament? Can the authorities state without the slightest attempt at terminological inexactitude that Saikung, Tai-O, Tsinwan, Aberdeen, Stanley, and stations along the Kowloon-Canton Railway are not all manned by one officer and only one officer? And, again, we are constrained to ask: Why should this be so? Why should juries' riders be given? Why should juries' riders be "forwarded to the proper quarter" unless it is seriously intended to give effect to them not twelve years but at least twelve days after they have been tendered?

Have we to wait another six years—to 1936—or another twelve years—to 1942—for satisfactory answers to these very vital questions?

Now another jury has delivered a rider to the same effect as in 1918 and 1924. Will the higher authorities give the public an immediate assurance that this latest rider shall not suffer the fate of its predecessors and be forgotten all about until another lamentable outrage occurs—until the Orientals of some other Station are found to be lacking in initiative in handling a situation calling for prompt measures without any undue delay in entering a station after the first alarm has been raised?

It is the considered opinion of the Inspector-General of Police that "no provision can be made against occurrences of such a nature owing to their rarity and the varying circumstances of each case." We are not experts in the Police Department and must give due deference to the views of the present head of that Department. But the opinion expressed in the Coroner's Court scarcely supplies the proper answer to the vital question as to why the juries' verdicts in 1918 and 1924 were studiously ignored? We must still press for an explanation in the interests of the public and of the whole personnel of the Police Force, and we look to the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council to support us most strongly at a very early date.

News in Brief.

It is notified that the name of the International Trading Company, Limited, has been struck off the register of Companies.

Regulations 30 and 31 of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, for securing the safety of the public, have been amended according to a notice in the Government Gazette.

Three new medical officers have been appointed to Hong Kong. They are Mr. F. S. Court, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Mr. G. V. A. Griffith, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., and Mr. J. B. Mackie, M.B., Ch.B.

It is notified that at the expiration of three months from date the Suen Soon Company, Limited, and the Wa Fat Steamship Company, Limited, will, unless notice is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and dissolved.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has ordered that the duration of the rights, powers and privileges granted, made and maintained under the provisions of the Rops Company's Tramway Ordinance, 1901, shall be extended for a period of one year from December 15, 1930.

The Bishop of Burnley, Dr. Henn, officiated at the marriage of his niece, Miss Marjorie Vera Hillton-Henn, to Surgeon-Lieutenant James Y. Woodhouse, R.N., H.M.S. Renown, which took place at St. Paul's Church, Camberley, Surrey. The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong (Dr. C. R. Duppuy), the bridegroom's cousin, and the Rev. F. W. Eddison assisted in the ceremony.

The Hon. Treasurer of the St. John Ambulance Brigade acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donation to Brigade Funds:—Mr. Kwok Hin-wang, \$25.

The Tajmahal Silk Store announce in our advertising columns that they will be allowing a 10 per cent. reduction for cash for all purchases over \$10 from September 15.

BAHAI MOVEMENT.

Lady Lecturer to Speak Again.

Returning from Canton yesterday, Miss Martha I. Root, New York journalist and international speaker will lecture at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Hong Kong University Union Hall on "What is the Bahai Movement?" Mr. Chung Hok-mung, President of the University Union, under whose auspices the event takes place, will act as Chairman. The public is cordially invited.

Last Wednesday evening, in Canton, Miss Root broadcast on this same subject. She has lectured on the Bahai Movement in Oxford University, and in most of the great universities of Europe. While in Canton she spoke in the Sun Yat Sen University on "International Education for the New Age"; this public lecture for five hundred people was arranged jointly by the Educational Association of Kwangtung Province and the Sun Yat Sen University. She also spoke in the High School of Sun Yat Sen University to five hundred pupils. The Esperanto Institute of Canton gave a reception in her honour. She broadcast on "Esperanto As A Universal Auxiliary Language" and on "New Universal Education." Miss Root was received by His Excellency General Chen Ming-shu, Governor of Kwangtung Province, in his home in Canton. She expects to sail for Shanghai on Thursday, and after two weeks lecturing there, she will go to Nanking and thence on to Japan and to the United States.

HONG KONG FAIRY STORIES.

The Somersets' Band are to meet the returning lawn bowlers and "play" them into harbour.

The Talkoo kiddies have issued a general challenge to all the other kiddies for a "Wee Channel" swim.

The jury's recommendation in regard to the Police Station tragedy has already been given effect to.

Manchester United have been called to asking them to send a few of their "crack" players out to this Colony for the forthcoming "soccer" season.

After several years watching the result of the experiment at the corner of Queen's Road Central and Pedder Street the authorities are proceeding forthwith to engrave the names of streets in white on all the pavements.

TO-DAY'S VIEWS.

Extracts from the Press.

THE GENUINE ARTICLE.

Mr. Baldwin and the Conservatives undoubtedly hold a trump card. Between now and the time when they can play it they must convince the electorate that their policy is the genuine one and that the others are but poor copies, adopted because their own have been proved no good.—Daily Dispatch.

Proof of Wisdom.

The findings of the Lambeth Conference on the great religious and social problems of our time deserve, and will receive, serious attention because of their authors, and because of their obvious sincerity. That such a conference should have been able to discuss difficult questions for five weeks, and issue a unanimous report, is in itself a proof of the wisdom of the members, and of the vitality of the Christian religion for which they stand.—Sunday Times.

Down the Drain.

The total cost of maintaining the unemployed is now nearly £100,000,000 a year. Of this large sum less than 15 per cent. is contributed by potential beneficiaries; but that point, though in itself important, is not the one I wish to emphasise at the moment. The significant thing is that in the purely economic sense of wealth-production, this money has simply been thrown down the drain.—Saturday Review.

Tension in Near East.

Turkey's part in international affairs has been, since the establishment of her Republic seven years ago, as unobtrusive as her rulers could make it. But the state of tension to which her relations with her Persian neighbour have now been brought raises possibilities that cannot be regarded lightly by nations having, as we have, interests and responsibilities in the Near East.—Daily Telegraph.

Diet of the Day.

Ireland's chief export to England has been genius.—D. R. Hardman. I suppose, balled down, there is no sin in the world save selfishness.—Miss Olive Wadley. The problems of this century cannot be tackled with the mind of the last century.—James Maxton, M.P. The distinguishing mark of the barbarian is the association of nudity with indecency.—Stoughton Holbourn. Is not the State compelled to assume a man so standardised as to be hypothetical rather than real?—Lord Dawson.

LETTERS AND RADIO

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POETS' CORNER.

HE HADN'T TIME.

(Commented to Persons Afflicted with Hysteritis.)

He hadn't time to greet the day,
He hadn't time to laugh or play;
He hadn't time to wait a while,
He hadn't time to give a smile;
He hadn't time to glean the news,
He hadn't time to dream or muse;
He hadn't time to train his mind,
He hadn't time to be just kind;
He hadn't time to see a joke,
He hadn't time to write his folk;
He hadn't time to eat a meal,
He hadn't time to doze or steal;
He hadn't time to act his best,
He hadn't time to help a cause,
He hadn't time to make a pause;
He hadn't time to pen a note,
He hadn't time to cast a vote;
He hadn't time to sing a song,
He hadn't time to right a wrong;
He hadn't time to send a gift,
He hadn't time to practise thrift,
He hadn't time to exercise,
He hadn't time to scan the skies;
He hadn't time to heed a cry,
He hadn't time to say good-bye;
He hadn't time to study poise,
He hadn't time to repress noise;
He hadn't time to go abroad,
He hadn't time to serve his God;
He hadn't time to lend or give,
He hadn't time to really live;
He hadn't time to read this verse,
He hadn't time—he's in a haste—
He's dead!

—Grenville Kleiser.

THE LION WITHOUT.

"The sluggard saith, There is a lion without; I shall be slain in the streets."—Prov. XXII, 13.]

The sluggard lay upon his bed,
And this is what the sluggard said:
"There is a lion in the streets,
Attacking every one he meets.
Let I should be that lion's prey,
I will not go to work to-day."
No sluggard ever has a doubt
There is a lion waits without.
The sluggard, as he lies and shakes,
Out of his sloth a lion makes,
A lion desperate and grim,
Ready to make a meal of him.
How terrible a task appears,
Clothed in the mantle of our fears!
How difficult, severe, taboo,
The thing we do not want to do!
And how are lions quickly killed,
When any work with love is filled!
—Amos R. Wells.

THE GREAT DELIVERER.

There is no sickness, but there is a balm;
There is no storm but soon must come a calm;
There is no broken heart but can be healed;
No harsh earth-noises but can in peace be stilled;
No deep bereavement but shall find relief—
Deeper and greater than was e'er the grief;
No bitter wall, but shall give way to song;
No way so dark, but light shall break ere long;
No sufferer whose sufferings may not cease,
No prisoner who may not find release;
No earthly sorrow but hath its reward—
If only we will wait and trust the Lord.
—William R. Newell.

AN EPITAPH ON A MOTOR CRANK.

Beneath this mound is laid a crank,
His body's in corrosion.
He lit a match to see the tank—
There was a loud explosion.
—S. C. K.

A NICE IMPRESSION.

Thomas has his face smeared by a pretty little mist;
It was the lip-stick's colour passing through a kiss!
They must have been kissing in the dark,
Or Thomas would not have that tell-tale mark!
Thomas cursed those who tried to tease him,
But he blessed her who kissed to please him!
—Peeping Pan.

COASTWISE LIGHTS.

Come up, come in from Eastward,
from the guardposts of the Morn!
Beat up, beat in from Southward,
glimpses of the Horn!
Swift shuttles of an Empire's loom
that weave us main to main,
The Coastwise Lights of England
give you welcome back again!
Go, get you gone up-Channel with the sea-crust on your plates;
Go, get you into London with the burden of your freight!
Haste, for they talk of Empire there,
and say, if any seek,
The lights of England sent you and
by silence shall you speak!
—Hedyard Kipling's Verse
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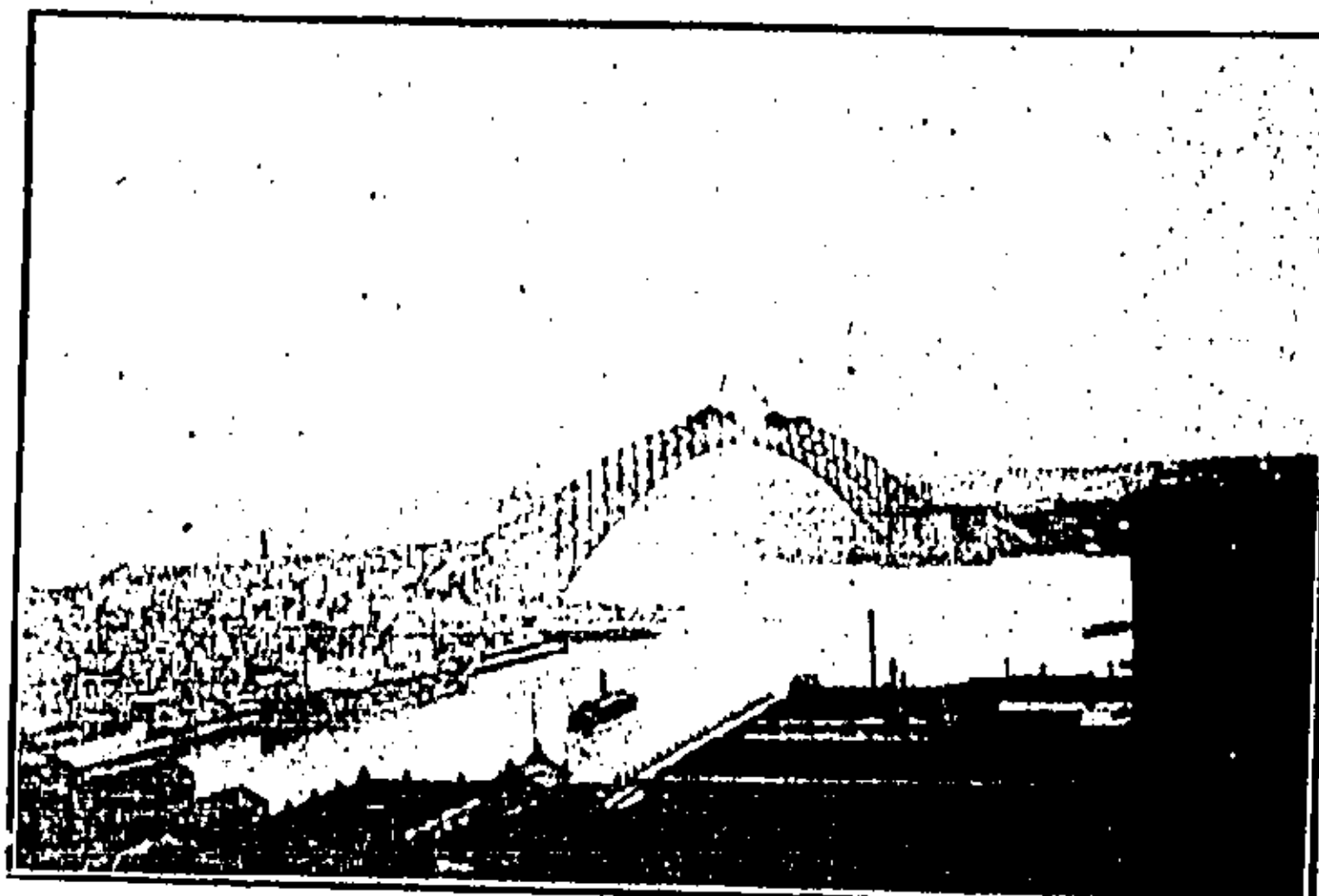
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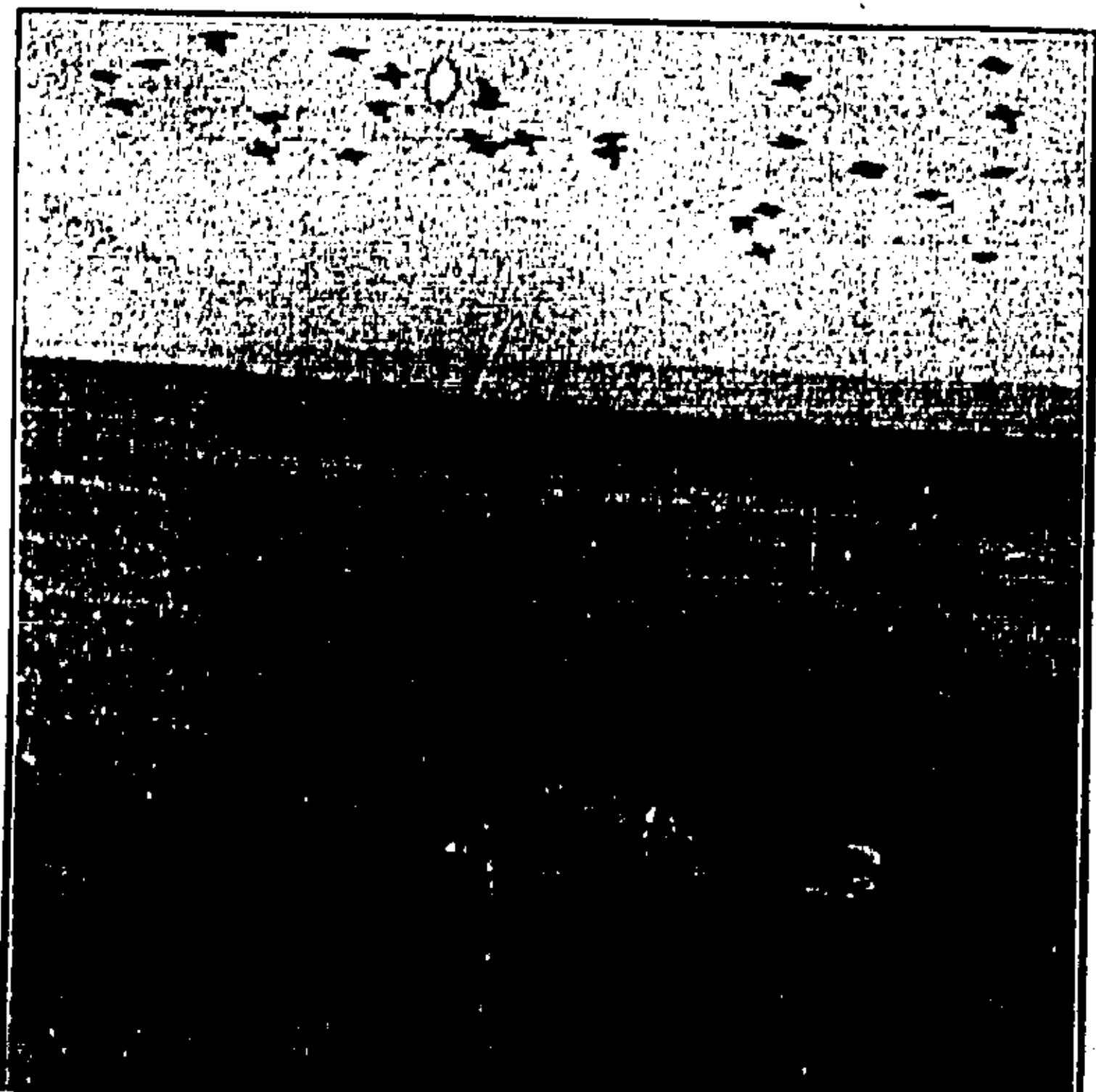
SYDNEY BRIDGE.—A remarkably fine view of the giant new bridge over Sydney Harbour, Australia, which was recently completed by Messrs. Dorman Long, the famous British firm of engineers. The photograph was kindly sent by Mr. A. J. Jones, of Sydney.



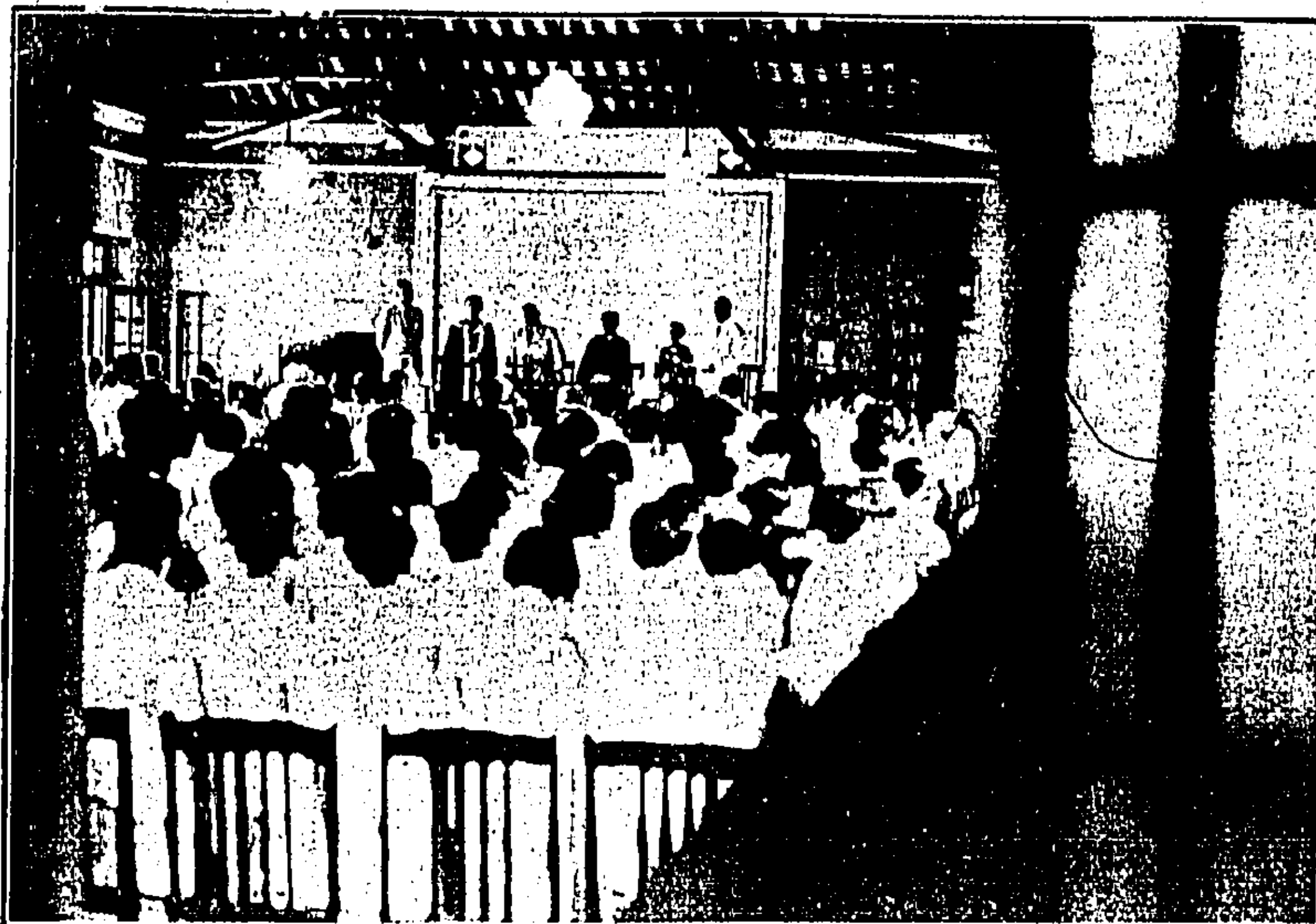
SCENES AT CROYDON.—Miss Amy Johnson arrives on bank holiday night, August 4, delayed through gales whilst flying across the Continent. Thousands awaited her arrival at Croydon. Miss Amy Johnson arrives in the Imperial Airways Lister City of Glasgow as darkness falls over the aerodrome.—(Sport and General).



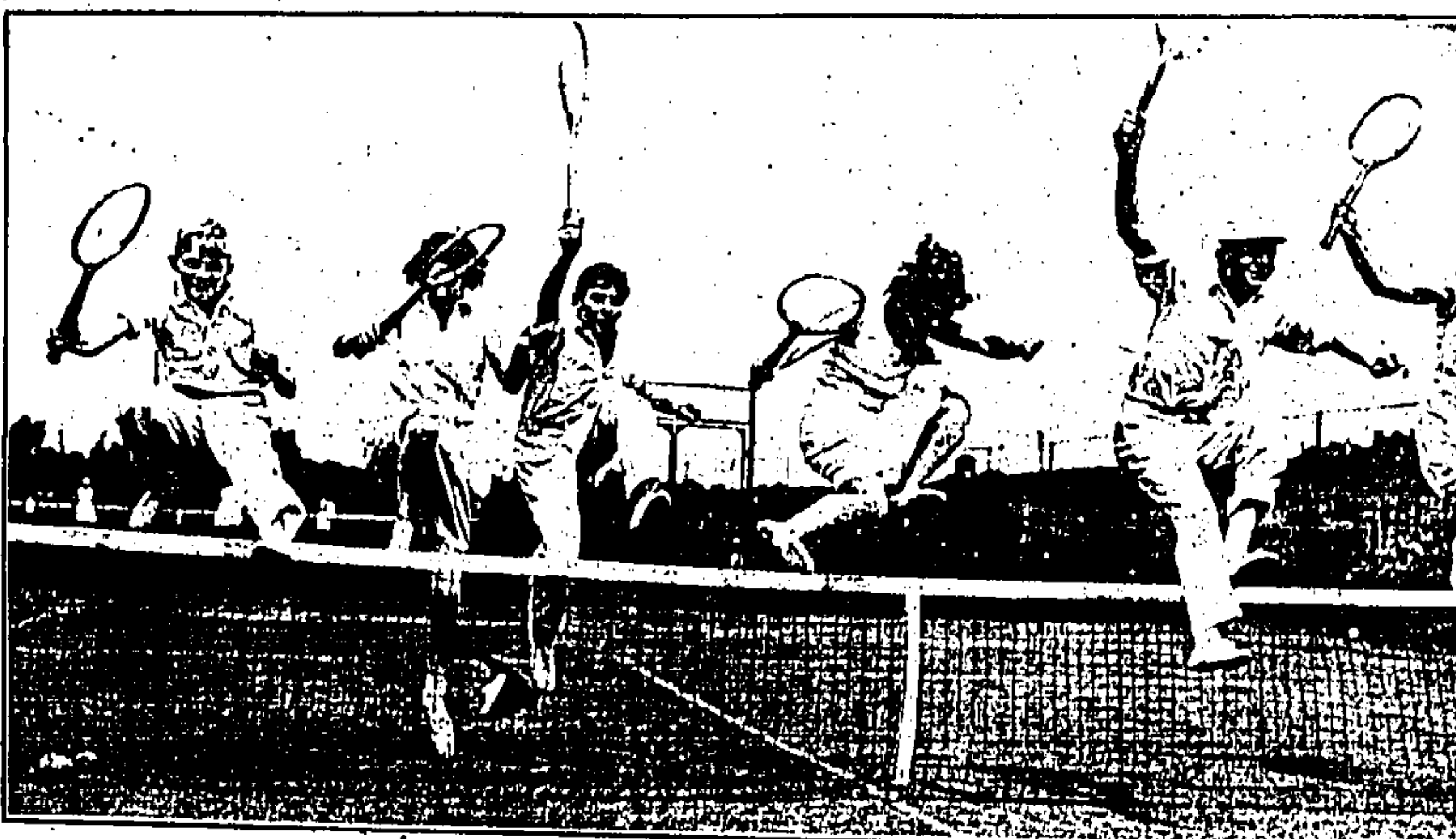
"AMY" ARRIVES.—An interesting photograph taken shortly after the arrival of Miss Amy Johnson at Port Darwin, Australia, during her epic flight from Britain. Chinese residents of Lichfield, Port Darwin, are seen presenting an address of welcome to the daring aviatrix. Standing beside Miss Johnson are Mrs. Hsuan, Miss Yuen, Mr. Tommy Ming, and Mr. Arthur Hang Gong.



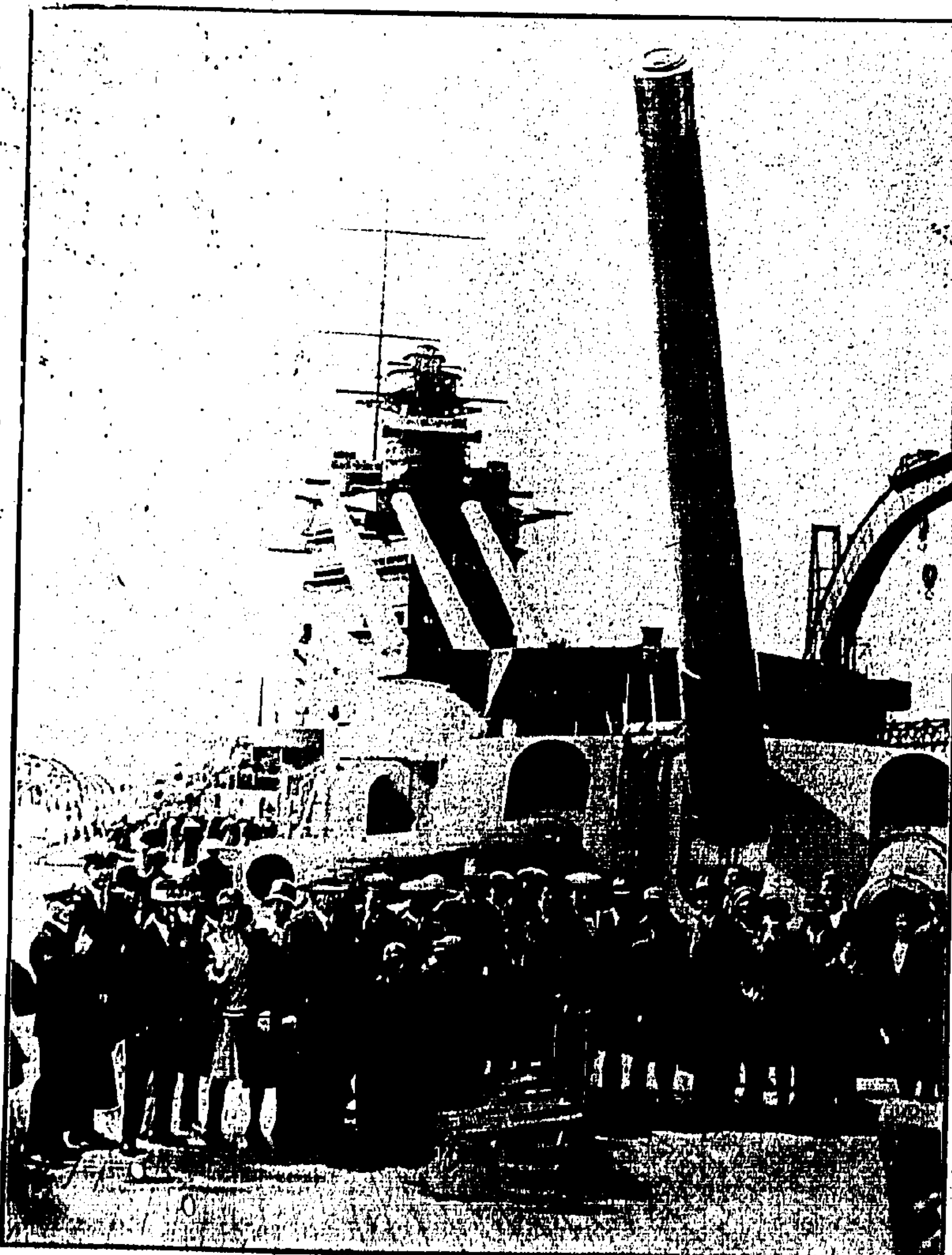
"GLORIOUS TWELFTH".—The opening of the grouse shooting season, on August 12, over the English and Scottish Moors. Scenes at Sir P. Cunliffe Lister's grouse shoot at Swinton, Yorkshire. Birds were plentiful on Swinton Moor. Our picture shows a covey of birds flying over the hill occupied by Mr. W. L. Christie.—(Sport and General).



YING WA GIRLS' SCHOOL.—Scene at the opening of the new building for the Ying Wa Girls' School, Bonham Road, on Tuesday, by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A., (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong), in the presence of a large gathering of friends and students of the school. Those on the platform included the Principal, Miss Hutchinson, and Miss Davies, a former principal. The cost of the scheme was \$120,000.—(K. Fujiyama).



JUVENILE TENNIS.—The Annual Junior American Lawn Tennis Tournament held at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, is a very popular event amongst children who give a remarkably good exhibition of the game. "High spirits" amongst the coming "stars." A party of competitors show their elation after the draw.—(Sport and General).



BRITAIN'S MIGHT.—Many phases of work and life in the fleet are being shown to the public at the various Navy weeks held in aid of charities at the different Naval bases. Scenes during Navy week at Plymouth, Devon, which opened on August 2. Spectators aboard H.M.S. Rodney, which is showing her 16-inch guns in various positions.—(Sport and General).

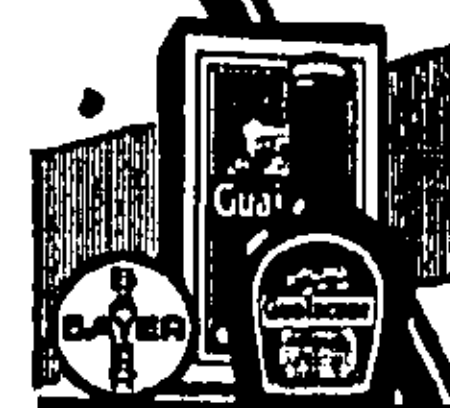
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The WOMAN'S Page

A Picturesque Coat.



The material used for this beautiful coat is a richly woven silk brocade of the 16th century design showing castles, turrets etc., in bright multi-colourings, by R. Marchini & Co., (London). It is enhanced by a large white covey collar and cuffs with ermine tails. Note the new length for evening coats which is coming into favour for the winter season. (Sport and General.)

BLACK AND WHITE AGAIN.

A lady correspondent writes from London:—

I went to a rather amusing dress parade the other day, where every mannequin was a masterpiece in other words, all the models shown were in black and white. There was a white georgette evening gown, with one of the new quilted hem lines, worn with a dolman wrap of the finest black chiffon velvet.

Don't think the newest ring velvets are hot. They are not in the least.

There was a chiffon afternoon dress with a bodice closely moulded at the hips and a fully flaring skirt, patterned with bunches of huge white flowers on a black ground.

There was a white shantung liver frock, with quaint puff sleeves, boldly spotted with black—to name just a few—and—most important—a bathing suit of black tulle, trimmed with modern motifs of black and white embroidery.

The cap had this same effect, and also the straw bathing shoes that completed the ensemble.

SPORTS FASHION.

What Was Worn At Wimbledon.

[By Margaret Carlton.]

London, July 21.
There were no startling innovations in costume at Wimbledon this year, but I don't think I have ever seen a more attractive looking collection of women than the tennis stars—perfectly groomed and turp-out, and managing, what is more, to look calm and cool under all conditions.

And I can't help feeling that suitable clothes have something to say to this last. Even defeat comes easier to the woman, who is conscious of looking her best!

Skirts on the whole were a shade longer than last year, and I noticed that a touch of colour in the conventional white is gaining favour with the majority of players.

Sunburn Stockings.

Quite a number of players have abandoned white stockings (never a becoming fashion) in favour of various sunburn shades, which, when worn with their arms, and gave them, I may say, all the appearance of having bare legs.

And the most attractive make-ups (for the modern player does not eschew such aids to nature) were of the sunburn variety—orange tinted lip stick, and rouge and powder in a shade of beige-tan.

Bandeaux, invariably matched to the coatees and scarves that were worn between sets, were to be seen in very imaginable colour, and the wide visor crownless brim of natural straw, with a draped band of silk, that was lately inaugurated by Patou, had been adopted by several players.

Original Sports Frock.

Still on the subject of tennis wear, I saw a delightful frock the other day, carried out in white washing silk, with a broche pattern, which on close examination revealed itself as a regiment of tennis players!

The bodice had one of the new "zig-zag" fastenings in front, pleats at the back and at either side of the skirt ensured ample room for free movement, while inset bands on the hips ensured a close, trim fit.

Another dress, similarly patterned, except that the little figures were golfers, instead of tennis players, was I thought, extraordinarily well-suited to the needs of those who play golf in a hot climate.

No one could say it was not suited to the occasion!

Triumph of the Summer Tailleur.
The first July meeting at Newmarket, always interesting from the dress point of view, proved this season the triumph of the summer tailor-made, which the dressmakers have now christened the "jacket dress."

One sees these neat little affairs, consisting of a sleeveless dress and short, unlined coat, often collarless, and both tailored with the severity, carried out in all the summer fabrics—flowered silks, georgettes, both plain and printed, every kind of crepe and chiffon-tweed, the new fabric that has rather more substance than ordinary chiffon and thus lends itself to severe lines.

Linen Suits and Two Pieces.
Linen was also much favoured at Newmarket, particularly in shades of pale fawn, petal pink, golden corn and dark green, made-up with circular skirts and neat double-breasted short jackets, cleverly trimmed with strapping.

Some of the linen two-pieces were in contrasting colours. I saw, for instance, a dress of cream, with which a blouse of pale green organdy muslin was



A very smart ensemble for afternoon wear featuring the medium length light "throw-over" with cape.

worn, while the cream coat was piped with green.

In another case, a sky-blue line frock, trimmed with linen lace, had a piping of deep blue round the hem, and the accompanying coat was deep blue in colour.

Aquamarine Blue.

The simple "tailored" affairs I have just described are ideally suited to informal race meetings, etc., but not for a moment do they overshadow the more elaborate type of afternoon gown.

These, indeed, seem to become more varied and attractive every day, and aquamarine-blue is the colour, which appears to be most fashionable at the moment.



The popularity of the scarf still prevails and many striking designs are shown among the new season's goods.

I saw two lovely frocks in this new shade the other day.

One was made of lace, with a scarf inset round the decollete, and had a coatee, slightly suggestive of a peplum, dipping at the back on to a more than usually deep hip yoke. The coatee was sleeved with a capelet top hanging.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

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ON CORSETS.

Mention No Longer An Indelicacy.

Now, that we have actually seen with our own eyes the new models, we are no longer troubled by "bogey man" tales about eighteen inch waists, for it is quite obvious that the small waist effect is being achieved by means of copes, boleros and basques or a clever arrangement of draperies, and not by pinching.

All the same, with hips kept as flat as possible, if we are to look our best in the new styles we must have a certain amount of support, which is very adequately given by the latest corsets without any discomfort or undue restraint.

Corsets are shown to-day on mannequins just as frocks are. So one has an excellent opportunity of judging of their various qualities and of realising that it is perfection of cut that gives that smooth contour at the hip line, that whispers of a curve at the waist and that absolutely flat back, for they are either boned very lightly or not boned at all.

New Corsetry.

Some are of the corset shape, either "step-ins" or hooking at the side, some are girdles, with which a matching brassiere may or may not be worn.

The latter is not, of course, necessary for slight figures, and the materials that go to their making—brocade, satin, lace, embroidered ribbon, and fine batiste, combined with cobyeb belt—give them an extraordinarily dainty appearance.

Corsets are certainly no longer garments of which we need to be ashamed, though we can hardly blame our grandmothers for feeling that any mention of the "iron-clads" that it was their unhappy fate to wear almost savoured of indelicacy!

Nor has the full figure been forgotten in the new scheme of things. Everyone is not yet a sylph, in spite of strenuous exercises and rigorous dieting.

Twin inner boning provides the necessary restraint for the bigger women, in garments, moreover, that are of a featherweight lightness, and some models are provided with under-belts, when additional support is for any reason required.

NEW CLIP WATCH.

We have worn watches in our button-holes, we have worn them pendant from our coat pockets, and now, it seems, we are to wear them on our sleeves, when we have them.

The new clip watch (very tiny) is clipped on to the left-hand cuff.

This is even newer than the ring watch and, talking of new ideas in watches, have you seen the latest sports watch, that has the figures placed, on the dial at such an angle, that they look the wearer full in the eyes and can be read instantaneously.

So that there is simply no excuse for being late for dinner, when you are playing golf!

ing over the upper part of the sleeves of the frock.

The other, for which georgette was the medium, displayed a bodice with a bolero effect, taking its movement from the neckline and coinciding with that executed down the front of the skirt.

And this same effect, was repeated in the three-quarter length sleeves of the accompanying coat, which had a very large bow poised on one shoulder.

For Autumn Days.



Light reindeer wool Stockinet is used for this simple but smart frock for cooler days, by "Reville," London, a distinctive feature is the high neckline which may be worn open if desired, while the stitching carried out in dark begonia silk thread matches the begonia coloured buttons which trim the belt and sleeves and fasten the collar. — (Sport and General.)

CONVENTIONS DEFIED.

Conventions were drastically defied at Goodwood by one woman who attracted much attention in the paddocks because she wore no stockings and displayed a fine pair of legs burnt brown by the sun. A young man in plus-fours wearing a blue beret, created greatly as much sensation.

LISLE STOCKINGS.

For wear with tweeds and other rough woollen materials many women prefer Lisle stockings to those of silk, and every woman should have a few pairs at least of these sturdier stockings for sports and country wear. There are very sheer Lisle stockings, that no one could possibly call sturdy, that may be chosen to wear with sheer cotton frocks.

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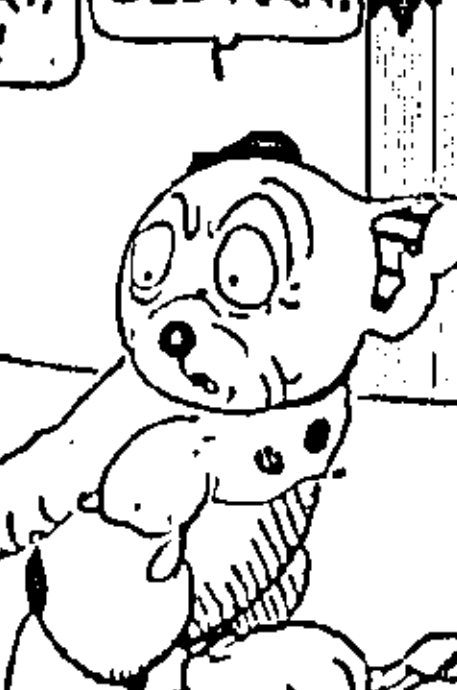
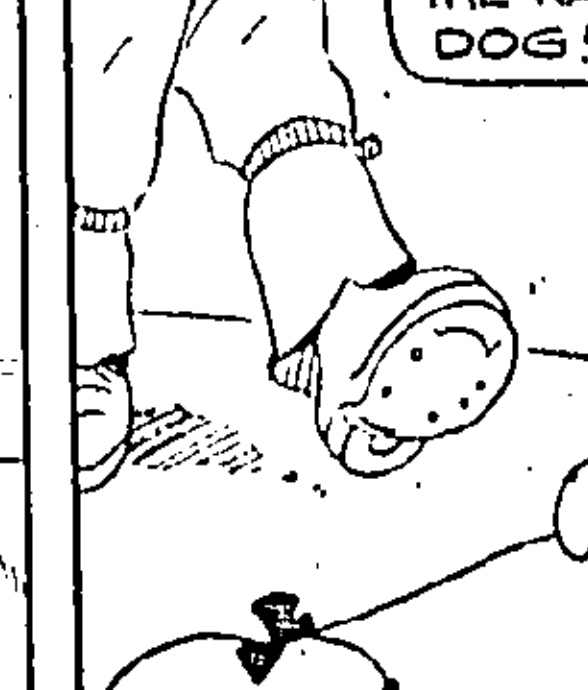
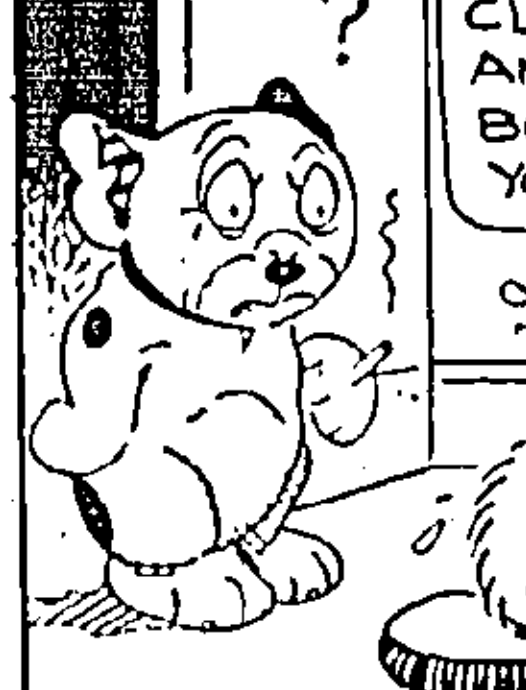
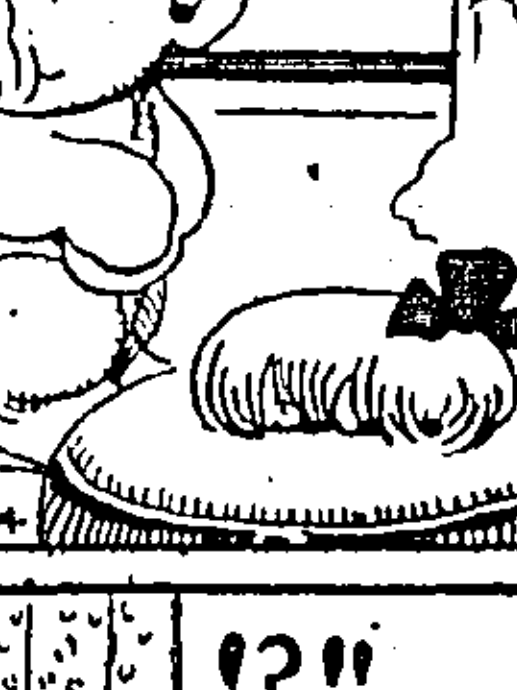
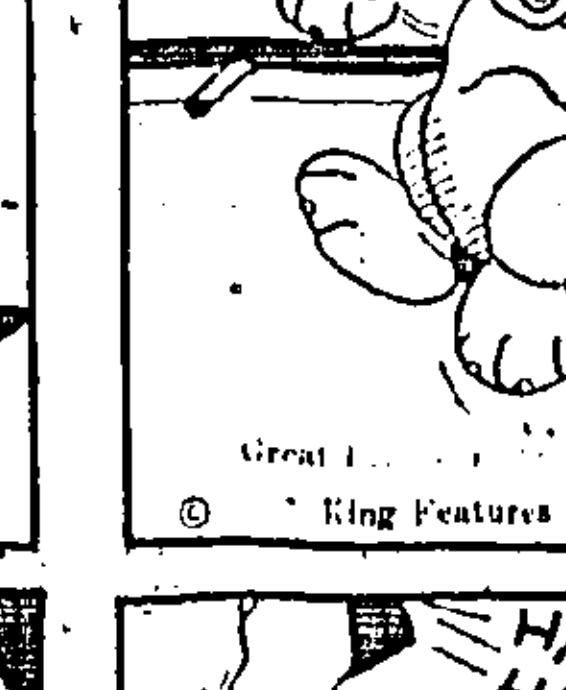
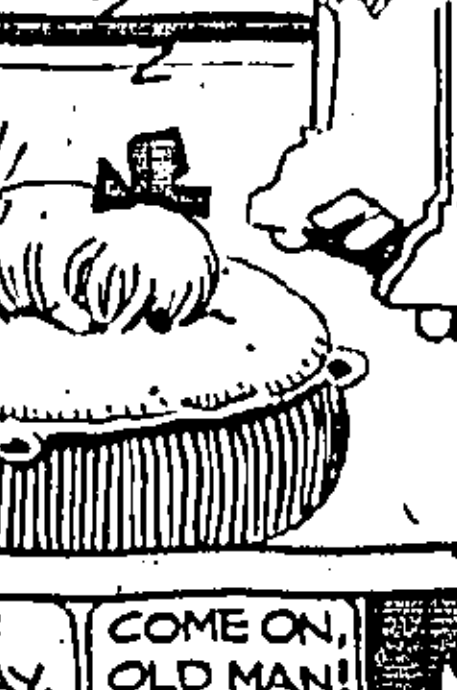
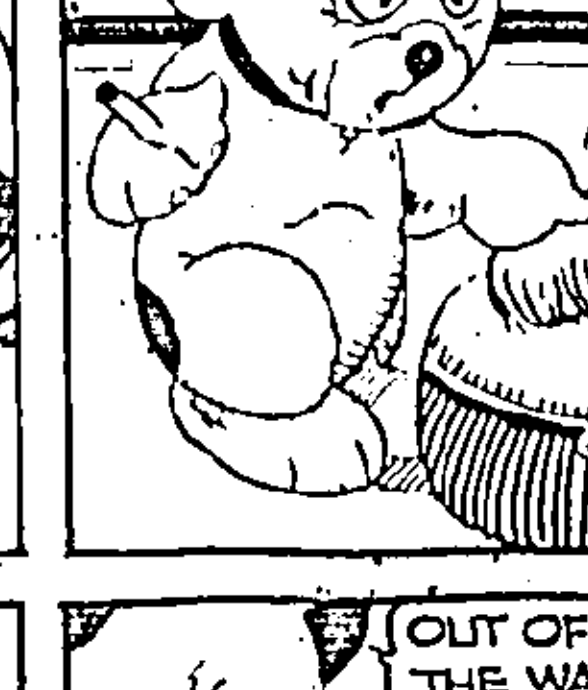
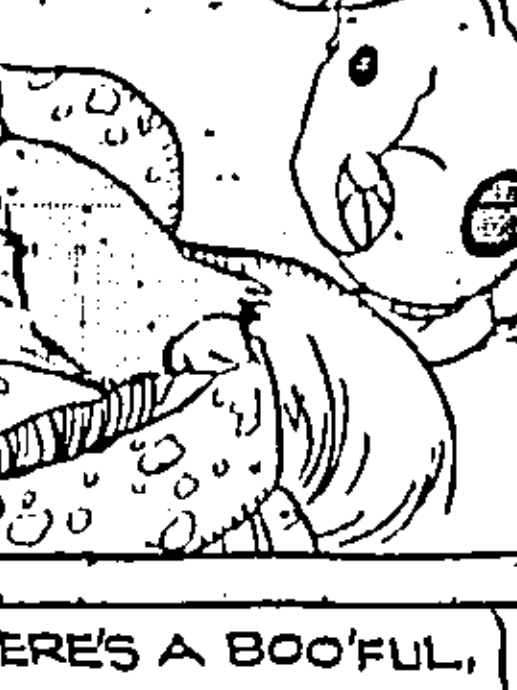
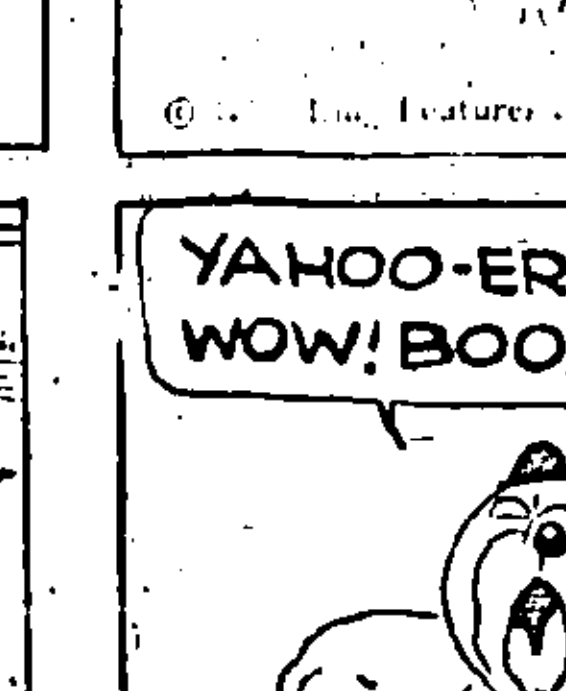
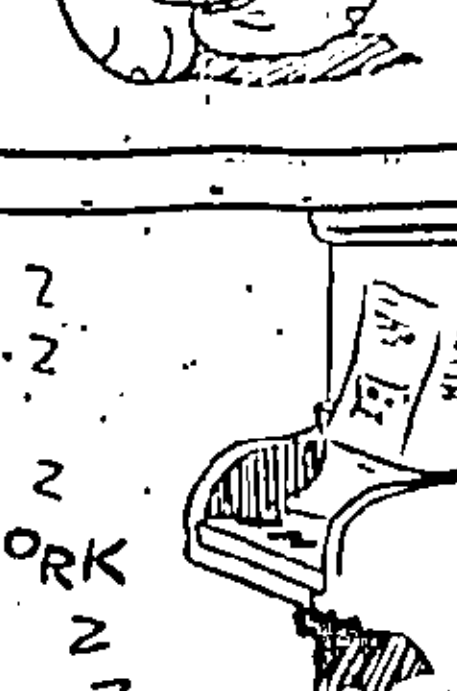
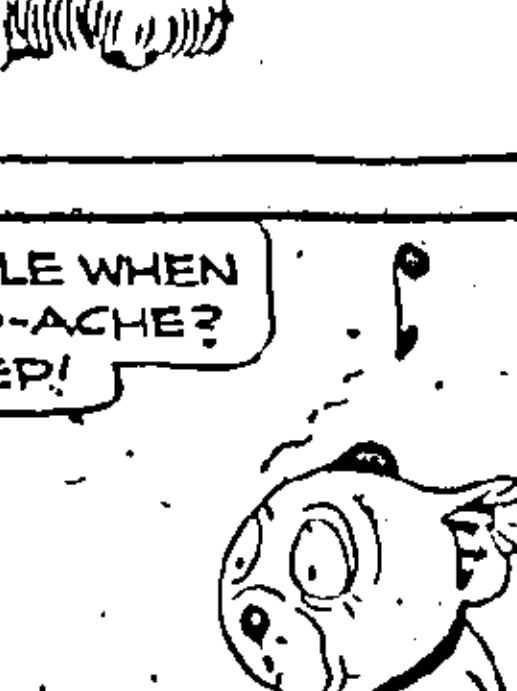
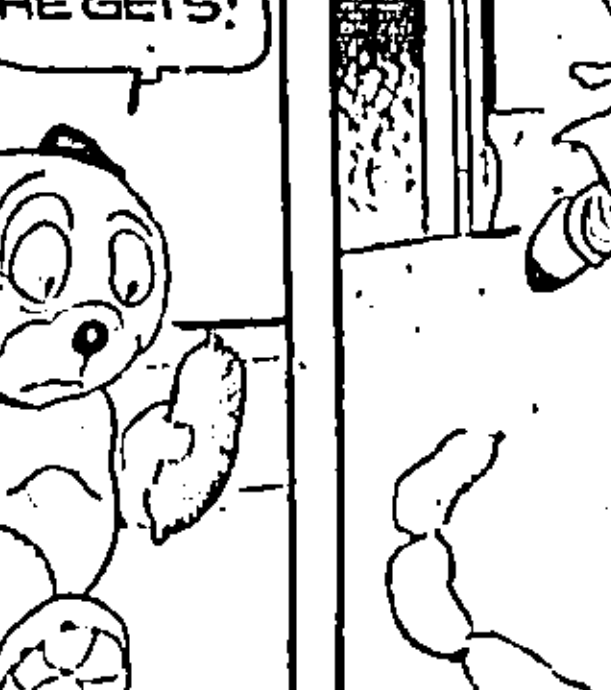
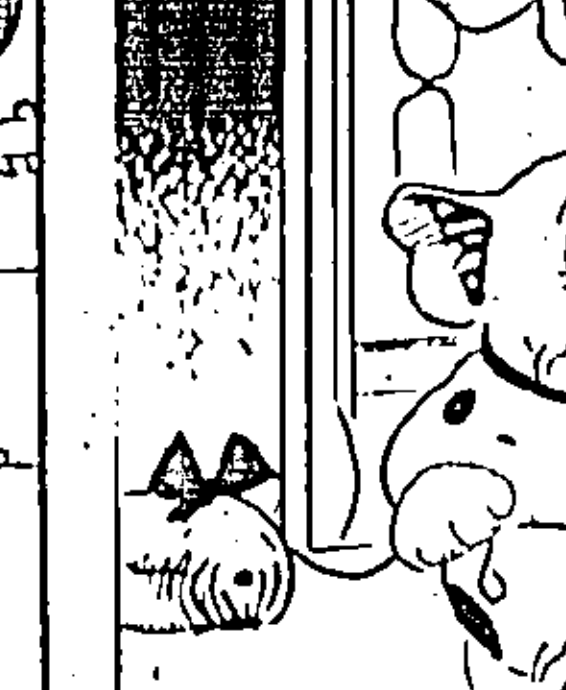
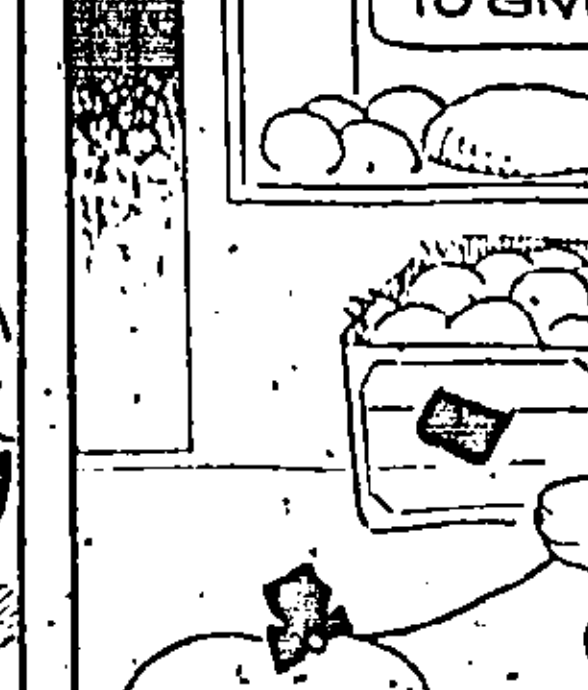
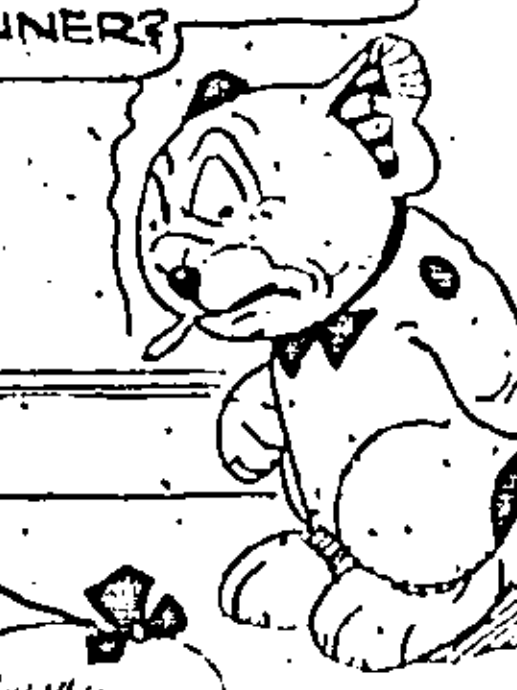
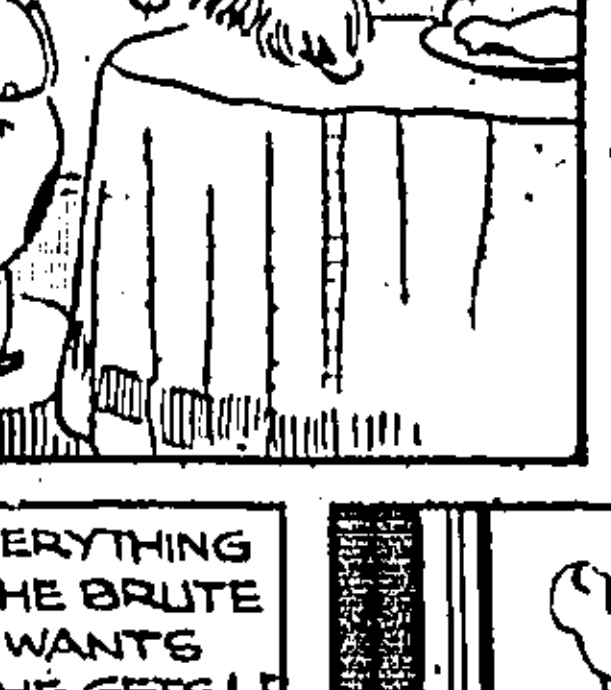
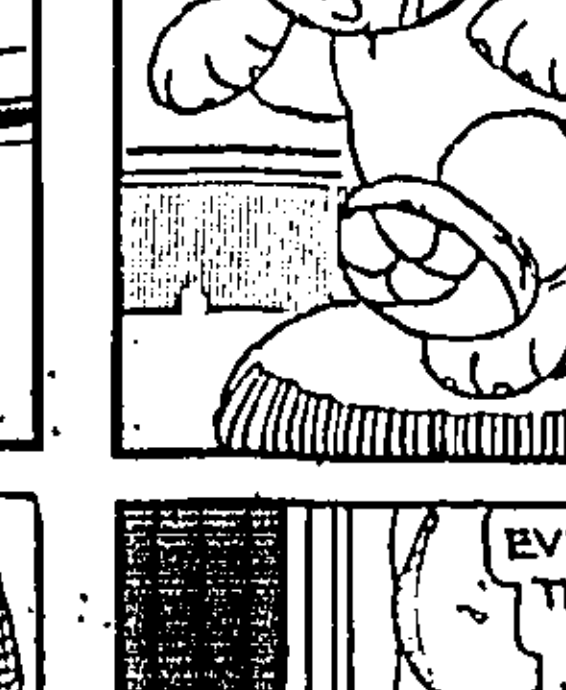
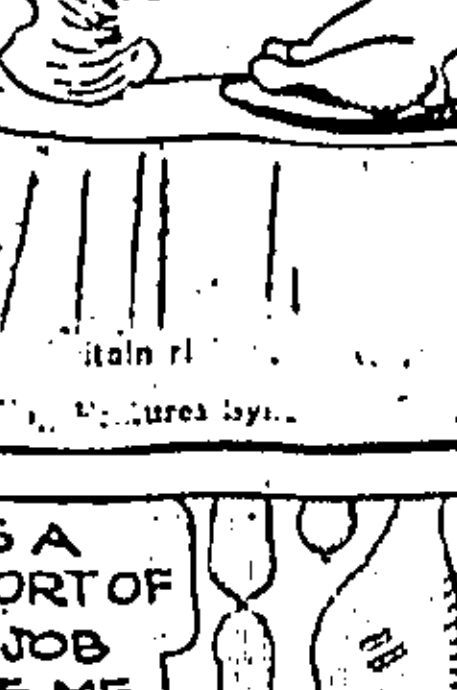
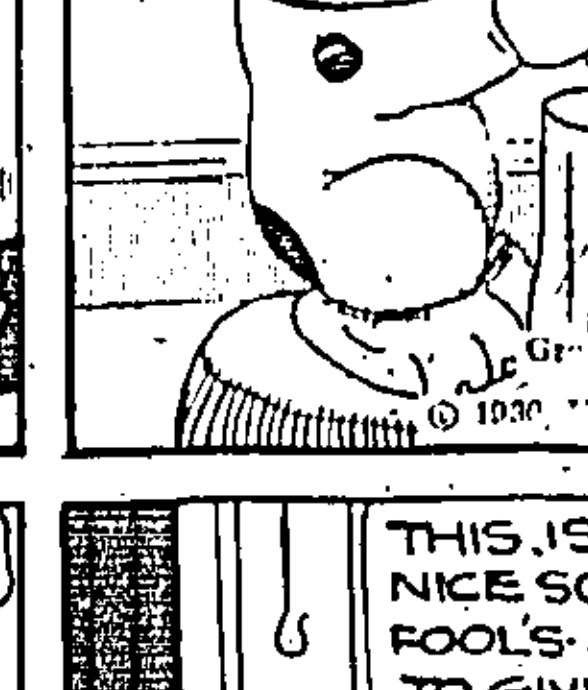
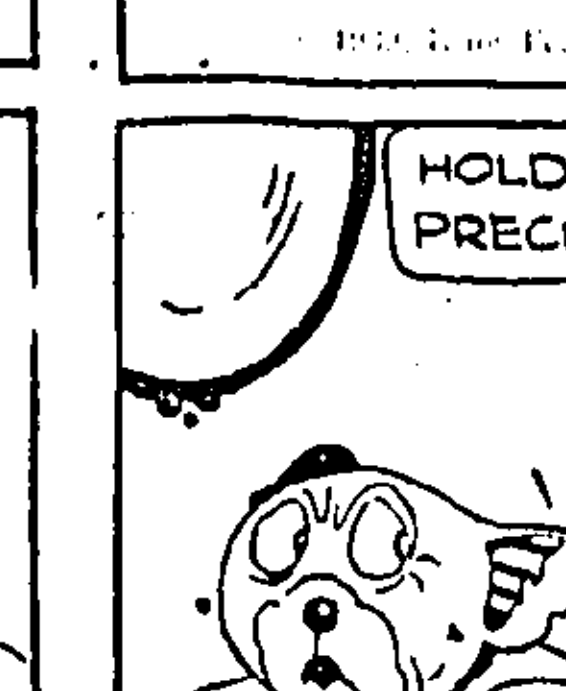
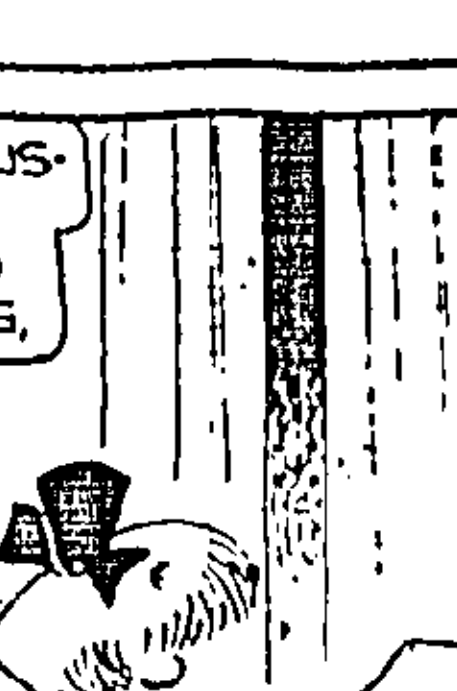
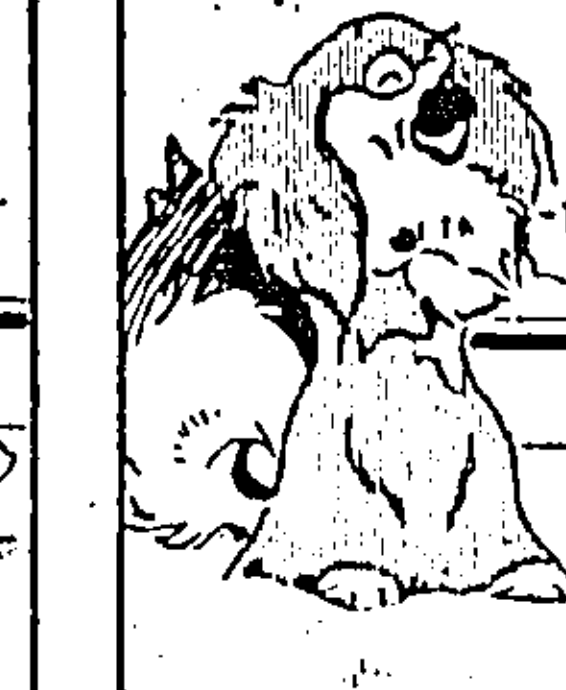
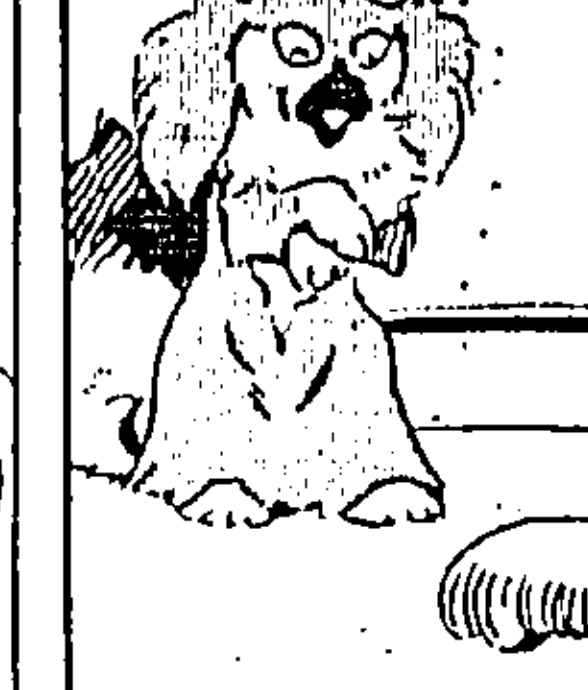
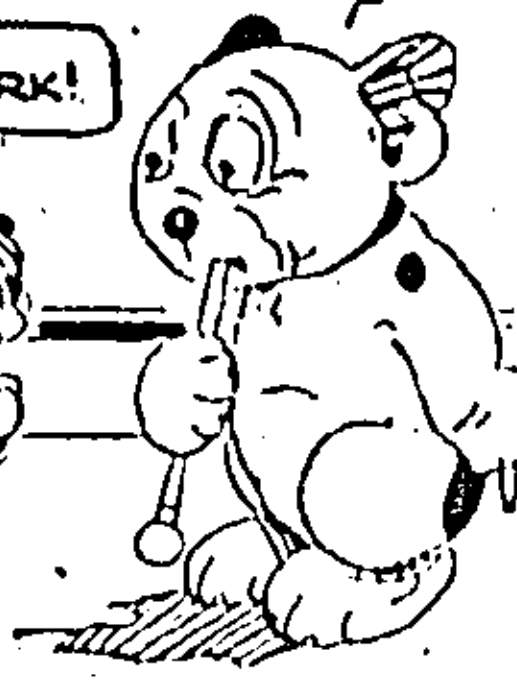
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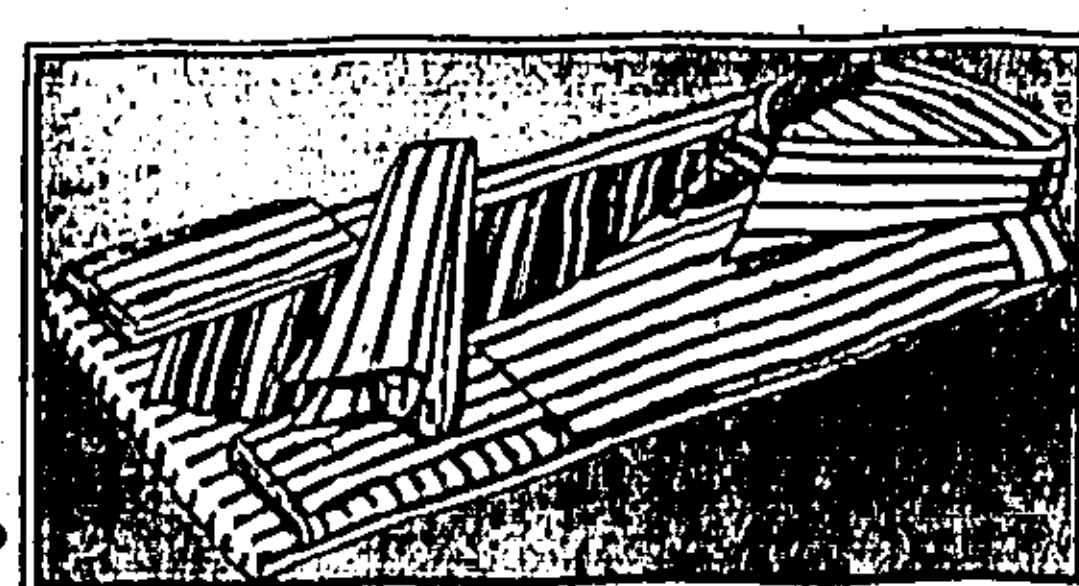
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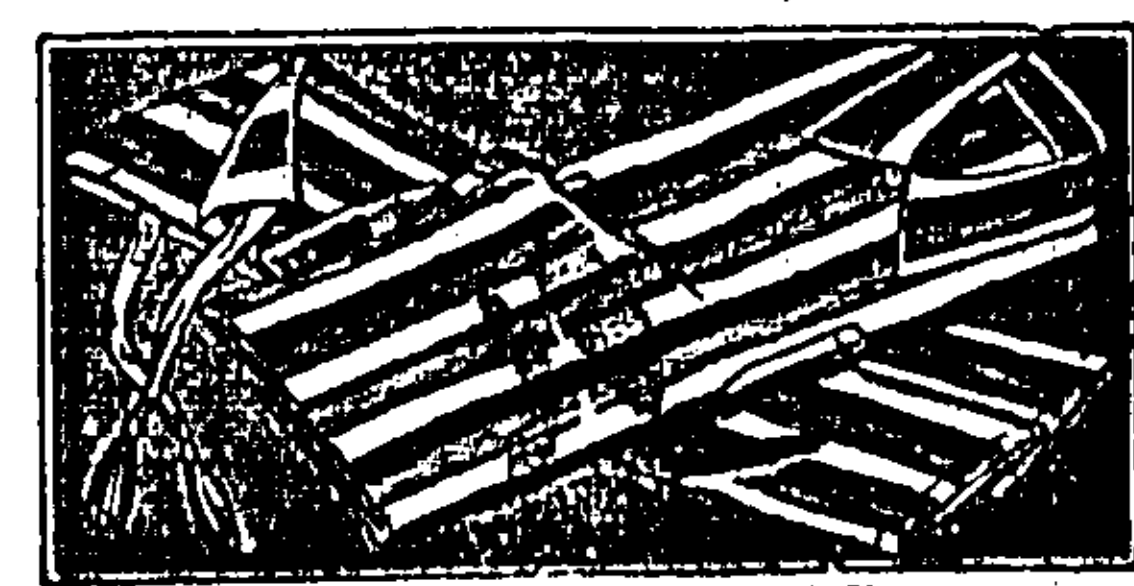
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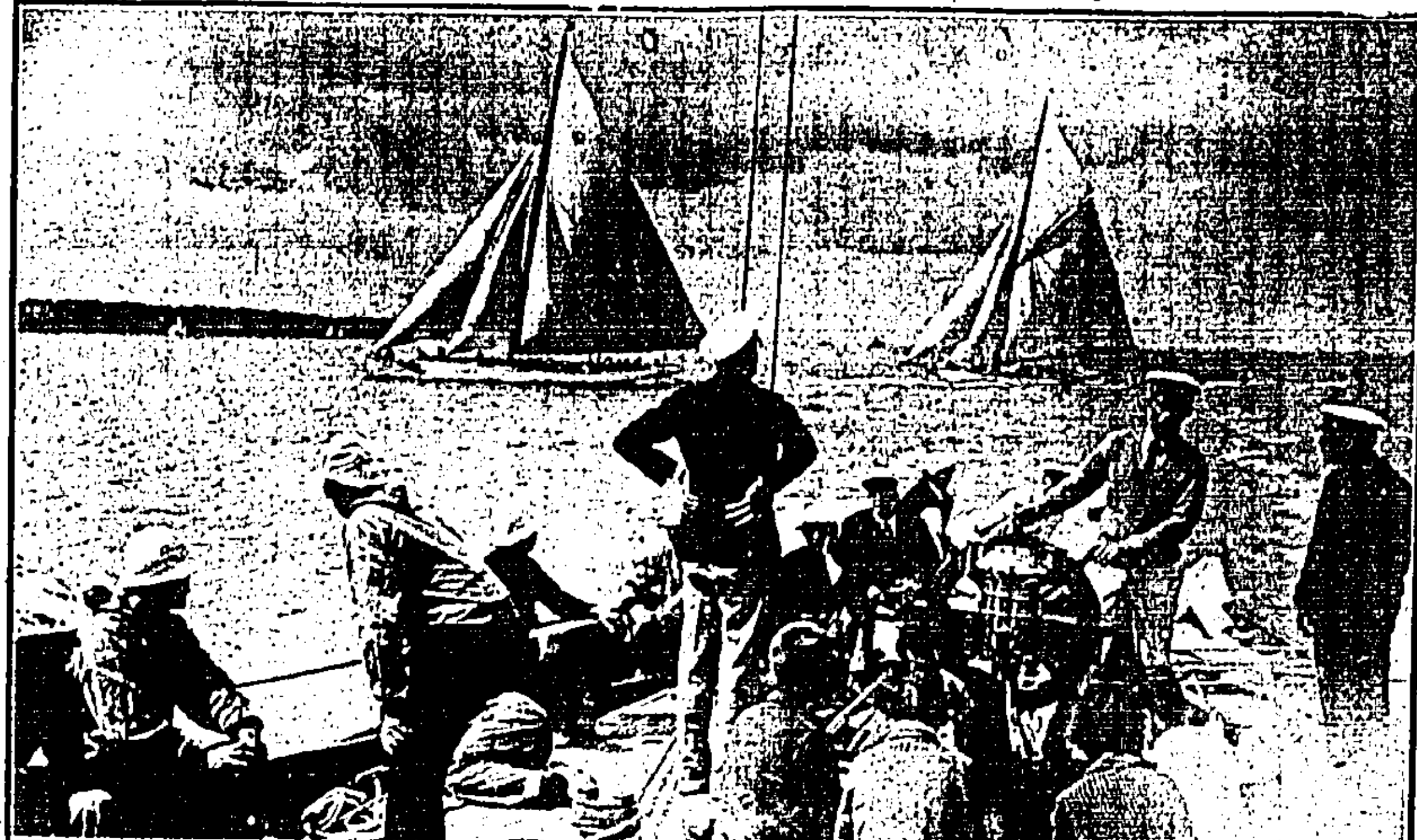
MARY DORAN, in rather pensive mood, but nevertheless charming. This talented film star is at present under contract with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company.



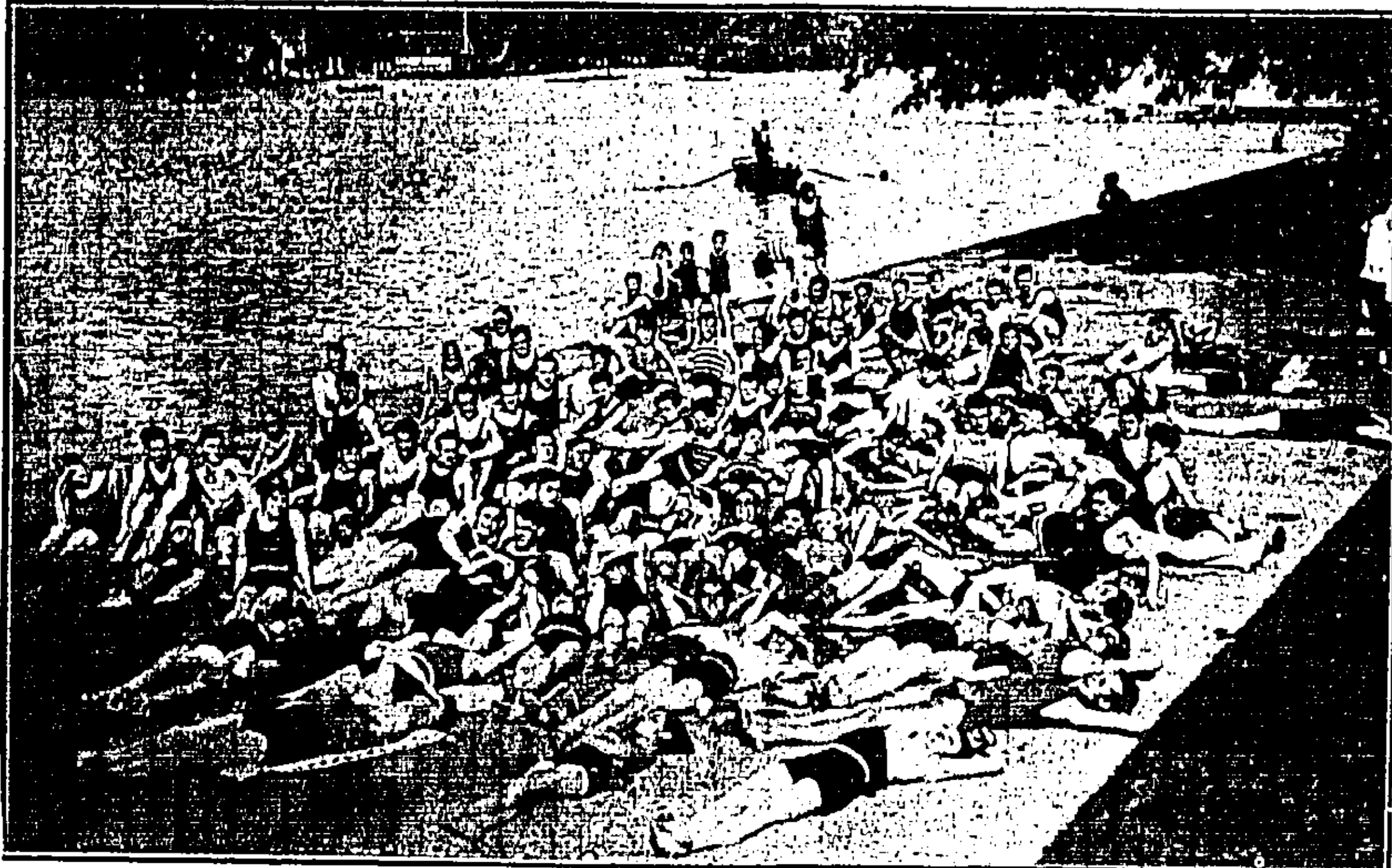
ORDERLY TO THE KING. — "From the Land of the Cross How to Buckingham Palace." Subedar Major Lanning Gam, at present in London, an Indian orderly officer to the King. He is conspicuous for his fine physique—is pure Mongolian, not Indian,—and belongs to a little known tribe from the mountains of the Chinese borderland—the Lisu—he is a specimen of the type of soldier that Burma can supply to the Empire after separation from India.—(Sport and General).



KINDLY "ROBERT."—The City of London Police Athletic Sports Meeting for adults and children proved very popular at Stamford Bridge, London, on August 9, "Robert" displaying fine athletic form—and living up to his reputation for fondness for children. A kindly "Robert" takes charge of two successful competitors after they received their prizes.—(Sport and General).



YACHTING FESTIVAL.—On board Mr. H. A. Andree's Canadida during the Royal Yacht Squadron Races, near Hyde, with the 29 Metre Yachts racing in the background.—(Sport and General).



LONDON'S LIDO.—Crowds of bathers are taking full advantage of the facilities provided for bathing and sunbathing by the Serpentine, Hyde Park. A group of mixed bathers enjoying the warmth of the sun after their dip in the Serpentine.—(Sport and General).



BACK IN COLONY. — Mr. D. Rama, the manager of the Popular Silk Store, who returned from leave in India during the week.



FLYING FOR ALL.—Sir Allott V. Roe, the pioneer airman, who has devoted his life to air research.—(Sport and General).

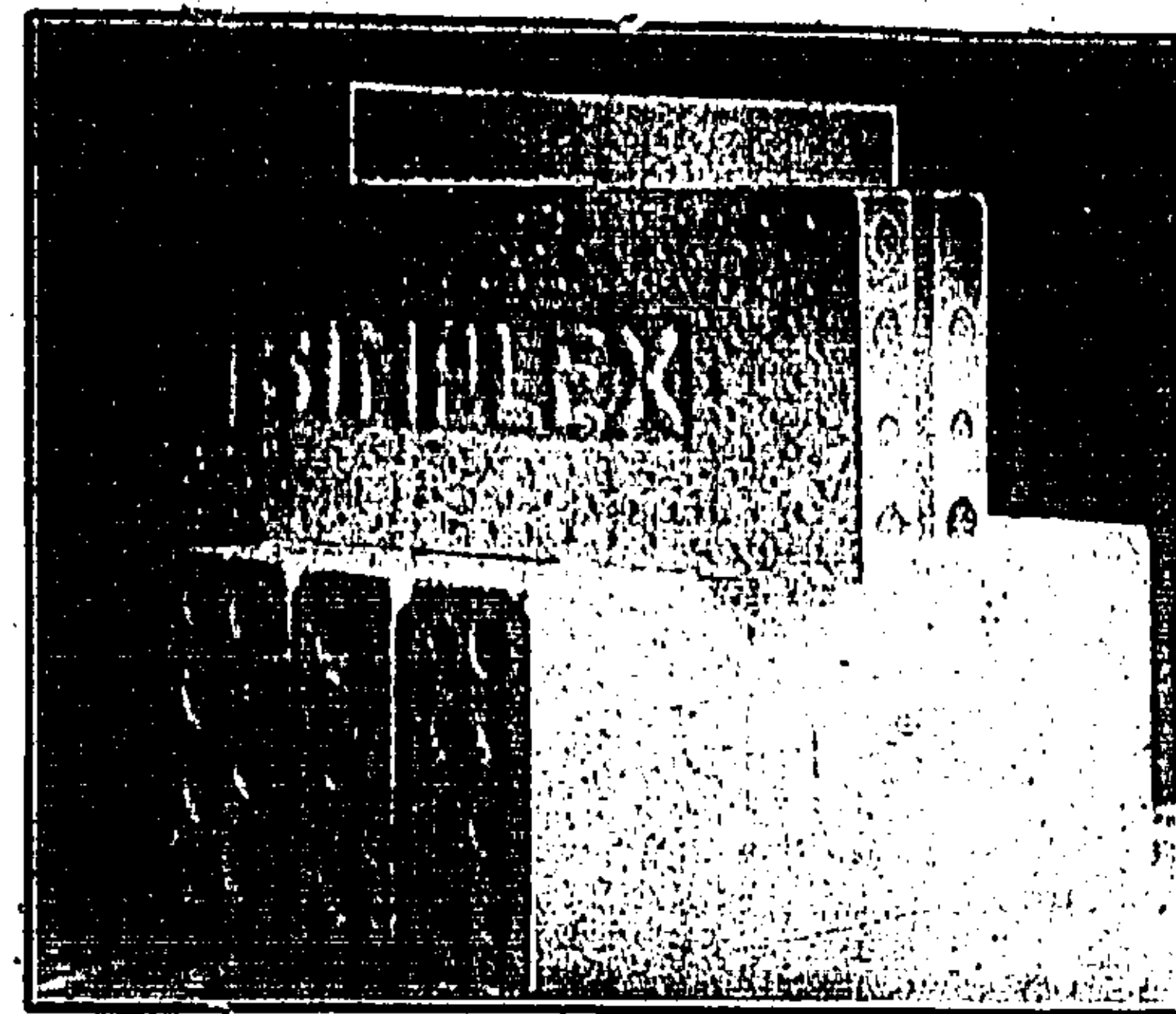


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MIDGETS WEDDING. — An interesting wedding took place at Peter's Church, Liverpool Street, London on August 6, of Miss Winnie Volland, a member of Fred Hooper's Company of English Midgets, and Mr. James Campbell McLeod (Jimmy Mac, comedian), who stands 5ft. 11in. The wedding was attended by a large gathering of the smallest people ever seen in London.—(Sport and General).

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HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES—No. 13.

Several interesting things have happened during the last fortnight. I speak in terms biological. Two tortoises from the Kowloon hills came my way, though not on their own initiative, and I have fished in Kowloon Bay but no fish came anywhere near me! Of the greatest interest was the visit of a professional snake-catcher who came to my lab one morning with two bags of snakes and one containing two large gecko lizards.

Snakes.

I am tempted to write an article in the nature of a curate's first sermon but shall control myself and only mention a few details of snakes and their habits. Snakes are abundant both on the island and in the Territories but there are many who have lived here for years and yet have seen none or only an occasional specimen. The reason is that these reptiles always get out of the way if they hear man, or woman, coming, and unless one walks warily one never sees them. In the summer months they can nearly always be seen in paddy fields and frequently in the catch-water on the Hong Kong and Kowloon hills. Harmless water snakes are abundant in the nullahs on the Peak. The majority of the local species are harmless to man (this is true for most parts of the world), but there are two or three species of poisonous snakes which are common though rarely seen. It is a curious and interesting fact that the snakes of South Malaya and South China are nothing like as deadly as the same, or closely related, species living in India. No patient at the General Hospital at Singapore, a victim of a cobra bite, has died, (this was true in 1929 and may still hold), and though cases of cobra bite occur yearly in these Territories I have not yet heard of a fatality. There is a case on record of a European child having been bitten by a snake (bamboc snake?) and dying in consequence but this is the only one of which I know.

Cobras.

Several species, or sub-species, of Cobras live in Hong Kong (e.g. on the Peak), and on the mainland. They vary from a uniform black (or deep slate-blue) to brown with narrow belts of white along the body. All possess the "spectacle" on the expanded hood and all (I think) are white under the neck. The very much more to be feared Hamadryad is not known from S. China, although each year someone says he has seen one, but no definite evidence has come my way and my snake-catcher does not know the species.

Kraits.

Three species of Kraits occur locally but of these one is much the most common; this snake has yellow and black bands of even width (dorsally) alternating along the

whole length of the body. It is triangular in cross section and is unique amongst snakes (except for other Kraits) in possessing one row of ventral scales the whole length of the body. Those who know or have read about the Krait of India picture a small snake lying in the dust of the road, the Chinese Kraits are not small they are sometimes 5 feet in length! Kraits are sluggish snakes (popularly supposed to be deaf) which even if stepped on usually refrain from biting. Personally I think that one is more liable to see a Krait than a Cobra in Hong Kong even though the Cobra is commoner. Two Kraits have been sent me which were collected in the neighbourhood of the Dairy Farm.

The Bamboo Snakes.

Two or three species occur locally but none are common. If you see a bright green snake some 2-4 feet long on the ground, or being killed and eaten by a Kite, don't write home and say how near you have been to death. That snake is perfectly harmless. If, however, you see a little green snake, never more than 13 inches long (with a yellow or brown stripe on the top of its tail and perhaps some white markings on its back), coiled round the top of your garden water-pipe refrain from turning on the tap until you have first induced the snake to depart. Write home then by all means if you wish.

The Sea Snakes.

All deadly, but fortunately rare locally. They occasionally come into Tolo Harbour and are frequently seen at Gap Rock. Banded like a Krait they differ in that they are laterally compressed for a considerable portion of their length. They love sunning themselves on rocks and are abundant on some of the islands near Singapore.

Several other types of poisonous snakes occur locally but none are deadly and none are common.

Advice.

There are several things to remember if you meet a snake. If you are bitten don't go and die, if you do you will certainly have done so from heart failure—fright accelerated by snake poison—and your friends will not be sympathetic. The chances of being bitten are so small that it would be a waste of space to describe methods of treatment here. You have not been bitten but have only seen a snake, if it is on the ground then it cannot be a bamboc snake; is it a Cobra? is it a Krait? If either leave it alone. Perhaps it is another species, then remember that snakes are always welcome at the University and either slay the reptile (not by crushing its head out of recognition for then the specimen is worthless),

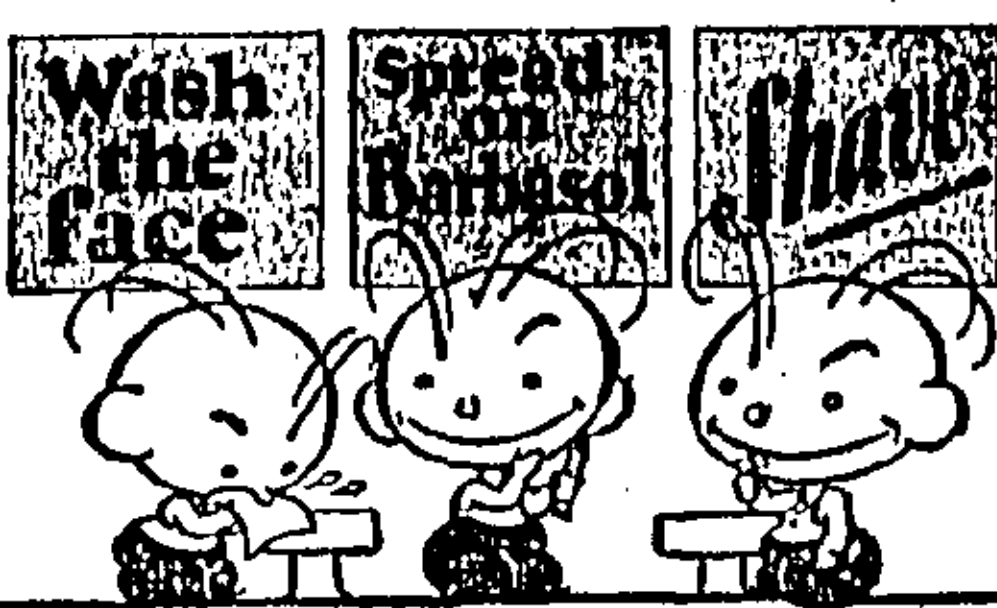
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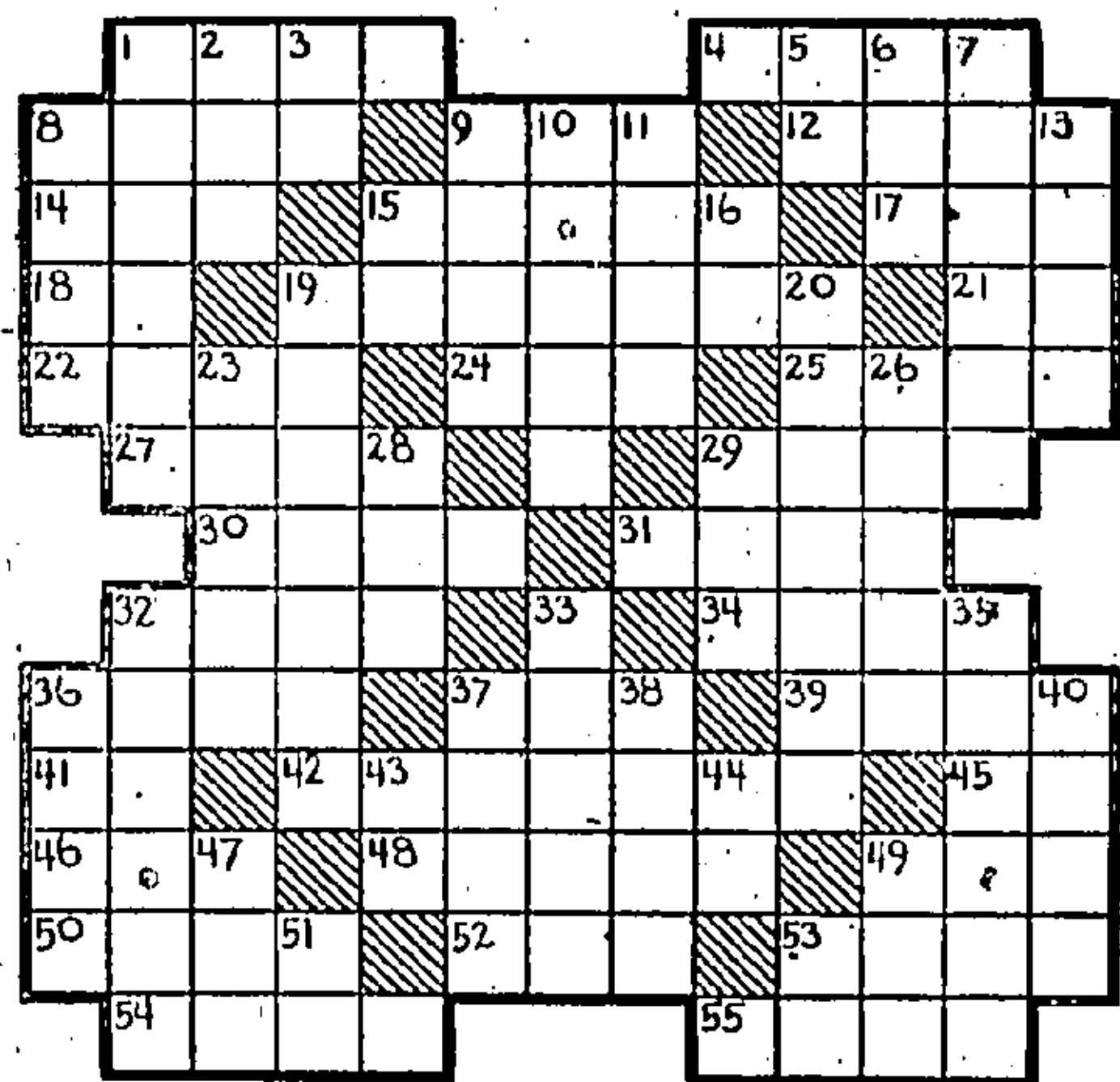
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A crew
- 4-One who foretells events
- 8-An opening
- 9-Decimeters (abbr.)
- 12-Walk
- 14-A sunken track worn by a wheel
- 15-Goddes of hunting (Gr. Myth.)
- 17-Usual
- 18-Ahead
- 19-Order
- 21-The (Sp.)
- 22-The chief divinity (Egypt. Myth.)
- 24-Emperor (abbr.)
- 25-Combining term.
- 27-Part of a ship
- 28-An acting mineral salt
- 30-Frozen crystals
- 31-Small bird
- 34-Remotely
- 37-Skill

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 40-Location between Europe and Asia
- 41-Preposition
- 42-Pertaining to the side
- 45-Isms (abbr.)
- 46-Place
- 48-Currency
- 49-Poisonous snake
- 50-Clip
- 52-Recompense
- 53-Greek god of war
- 54-Rend
- 55-Moved rapidly

VERTICAL

- 1-Computes
- 2-Decay
- 3-Neither
- 6-Plural suffix of same noun
- 7-Reclaim
- 8-Towel fall
- 9-A coin
- 10-An old colored nurse (Southern U. S.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-To break suddenly
- 13-A game played on horse-back
- 15-Act
- 16-Indefinite article
- 19-The bed of a stream
- 20-Sorrowful
- 23-An apple
- 25-Pertaining to the moon
- 28-Fish eggs
- 29-A constellation
- 32-Evident
- 33-Any sphere of contest
- 35-Elevated
- 36-Lowest tones of the male voice
- 37-On top
- 38-A playing card
- 40-Licks up
- 43-Exist
- 44-Ever
- 47-Blind
- 49-Exist
- 51-Father
- 53-A month (abbr.)

PICNIC FOR THE BLIND.

The St. Peter's Branch of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association has in the past three years organized with the assistance of generous friends a Summer picnic for the girls of the Blind Home, Pokfulam. The picnic has taken the nature of a motor ride to Shek

U where the girls, generally about 60 in number, are given tea and a small present each.

It has been decided to follow the same plan this year, the picnic to take place on Saturday afternoon, October 4. The Committee organizing the picnic would gratefully welcome the loan of cars or donations.

Offers and gifts should be sent to the Rev. L. N. Watkins, St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong.



At Sandringham.

During the Court's stay at Sandringham before proceeding to Balmoral, the King and Queen are taking the opportunity to call on some of their old friends in the district. Homeliness has always been the keynote of life at Sandringham. There is no ceremony or fuss, and, although the King's routine is, perhaps, less strenuous than it used to be there is little alteration in the daily round. When the King is shooting the Queen frequently drives out to join him for lunch.

His Majesty seldom plays billiards, but when at Sandringham he often devotes the interval before dinner to a game with one of his guests or the gentleman-in-attendance. Dinner is served at an early hour, and is a meal completely devoid of ceremony. Simple, homely dishes make up the menu, and it is only on rare occasions that a special dish is ordered.

Two-Party Talks.

The meeting in Downing Street of Cabinet Ministers and Mr. Lloyd George was the first of the two-party talks on unemployment since the rising of Parliament. Mr. Lloyd George travelled up to London from Cricketh, accompanied by Lord Lothian and Mr. Seebohm Rowntree, who are assisting him in the conferences with the Government, and Mr. Snowden, Mr. Henderson, Lord Thomson, and other Ministers, are remaining in town.

It will be recalled that the Liberal leader has voluntarily renounced his holiday in order to devote himself to the finding of work plans. Unemployment benefit was one of the chief subjects reviewed to-day. Reports that the Government is contemplating a reduction in the scale of benefits are, however, stated to be premature.

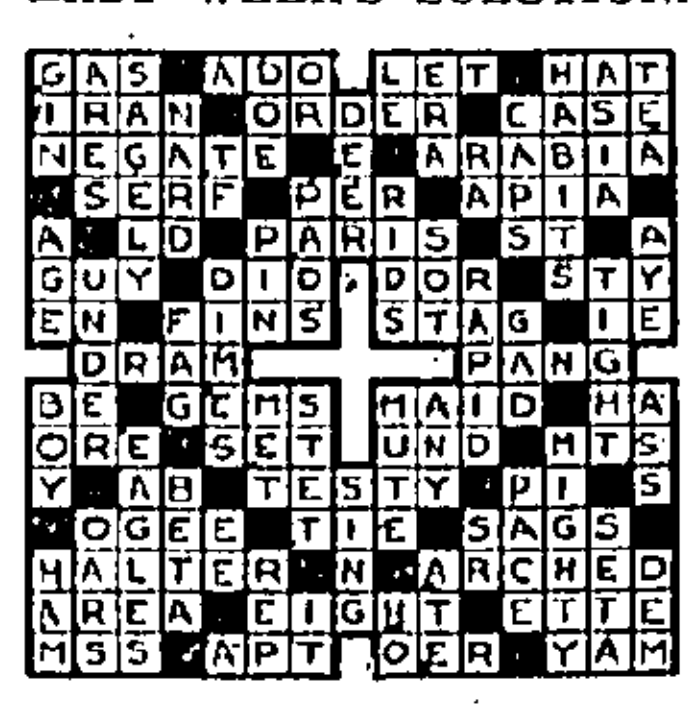
M.P.'s City "Plum."

Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., the member for Montgomery, into whose lap has fallen one of the finest "plums" in the City—a directorship of Levers' worth £10,000 a year—is one of the intellectuals of the Liberal Party. He came prominently into the Westminster limelight during the debates on the Coal Mines Bill, and was mainly responsible for the phraseology of his Party's amendments and resolutions. Acceptance of the post may involve his withdrawal from Parliament, but he will not mind. He has no liking for Liberal dissensions. He owes much of his success to his wife, a lady of shining ability and not without ambition. She is a great society woman, and can deputize for her husband almost everywhere, except at the Bar and on the floor of the House. In London-Welsh circles no one has more ardent admirers.

Tallulah Comes Back.

Shaftesbury Avenue will be more like itself. Tallulah Bankhead comes to town in "Let Us Be Gay" at the Lyric. This witty and daring American comedy is said—as so many of them are—to have "broken records" in New York. The author, Miss Rachel Crother, is a most accomplished playwright.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION.



She is also a very charming woman, who possesses, besides an air of distinction, a keen business brain. What she does not know at any rate, about the American theatre is not worth knowing. Anyhow, Tallulah is always Tallulah, and she has a part which gives her more scope than she has enjoyed for a long while.

Noel Coward Comedy.

More and more plays are having their real "first nights" out of London. Birmingham and Liverpool have already seen "Let Us Be Gay," Noel Coward's new comedy. "Private Lives," is at Edinburgh, before coming to London, and the new musical show due at the Palace Theatre in September will first be seen in Glasgow.

Manchester is enjoying "Follow a Star" some little while before it reaches us at the Winter Garden, and if August is a dead month for the theatres, it seems only to be so as far as London is concerned. But nowhere else do you get the thrill of a "first night," whether it is actually first, tenth, twentieth, or fiftieth.

Bernard Shaw Again.

There has been the opening of another Bernard Shaw chapter, as it were, at the Malvern Festival. Seven of his plays will be produced in the next week or so, and such fine dramatic artists as Owen Frangcon-Davies, Phyllis Neilson Terry, Marjorie Mars, and Cedric Hardwicke will be in the casts. It is astonishing how Shaw still holds the attention of the modern world. Americans who come over are as keen to see him as they are to see anything else.

He is worth seeing too. Young in energy, active, keen as the east wind, alert and controversial, he is still the crusader against cant. He tells artists, who want to paint him, that there is no money in his face; journalists, who ask how he became famous, that he threw his mother into the struggle for life, instead of himself; and young women, who hero-worship him, that they ought to find something better to do. And men like Albert Coates, the famous conductor, dedicating new works to him on the ground that he is the "dearest friend and severest critic."

Peaches and Princes.

The fact that R100 had brought back from Canada a basket of selected Niagara peaches, presented by their Queenston growers to the Prince of Wales, is a reminder of the story of another Prince of Wales and another basket of peaches. It is told by Yvette Guilbert, the French diva, who gave a season in London recently.

King Edward, when Prince of Wales, often visited the Ambassadors' Restaurant in Paris, presided over by the witty Pere Ducarie. "Twenty-five francs each for peaches, they must be scarce this year," exclaimed the Prince, as he examined his bill one day. "I shall not eat any more. 'Your Highness,' replied the maitre d'hotel, "it is not peaches that are scarce, but Princes." It is recorded that the Prince paid up with a smile.

A Girls' Public School.

The House of Lords decided a case of considerable educational interest by holding that the Wimbledon High School for Girls is a "public school." The case arose out of a claim by the Girls' Public Day School Trust, Limited, the owners of the school, to the allowances granted by the Income-Tax Act, 1918, in respect of the premises. The shareholders in the trust are entitled to certain limited dividends, and it was this fact which caused Mr. Justice Rowlatt to reverse the findings of the Commissioners in favour of the trust, his decision being upheld by the Court of Appeal.



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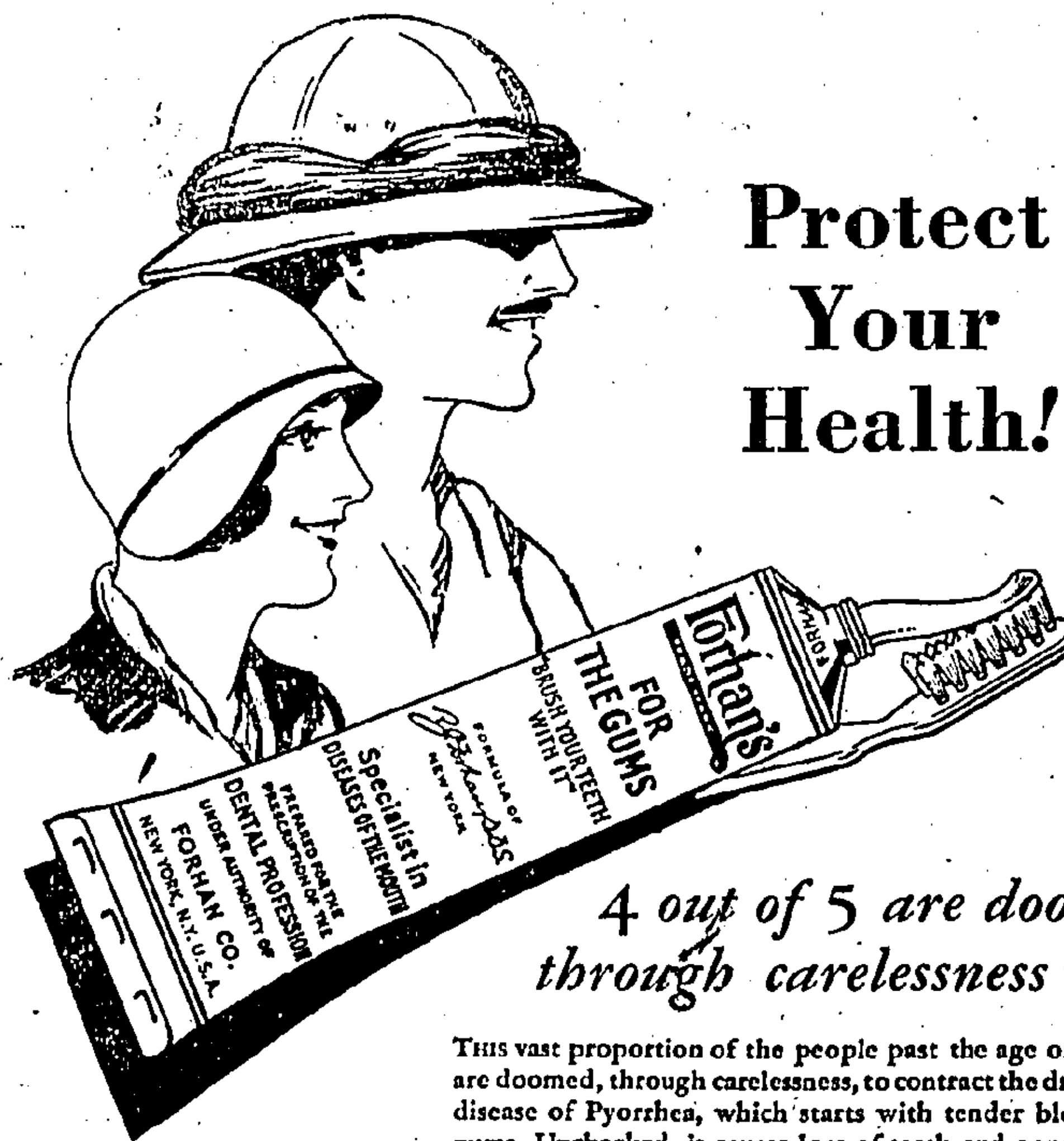
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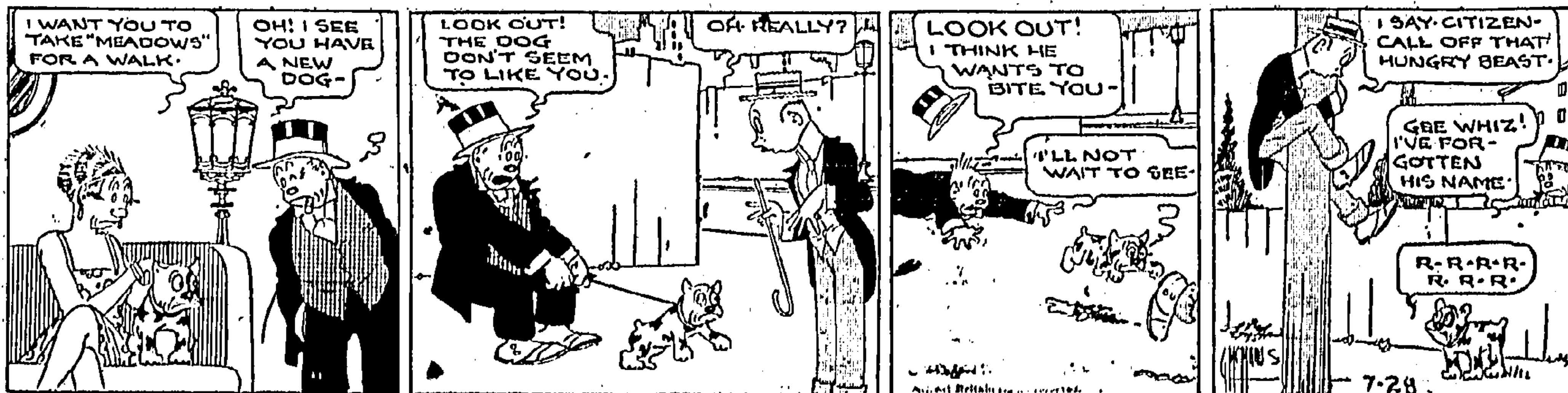
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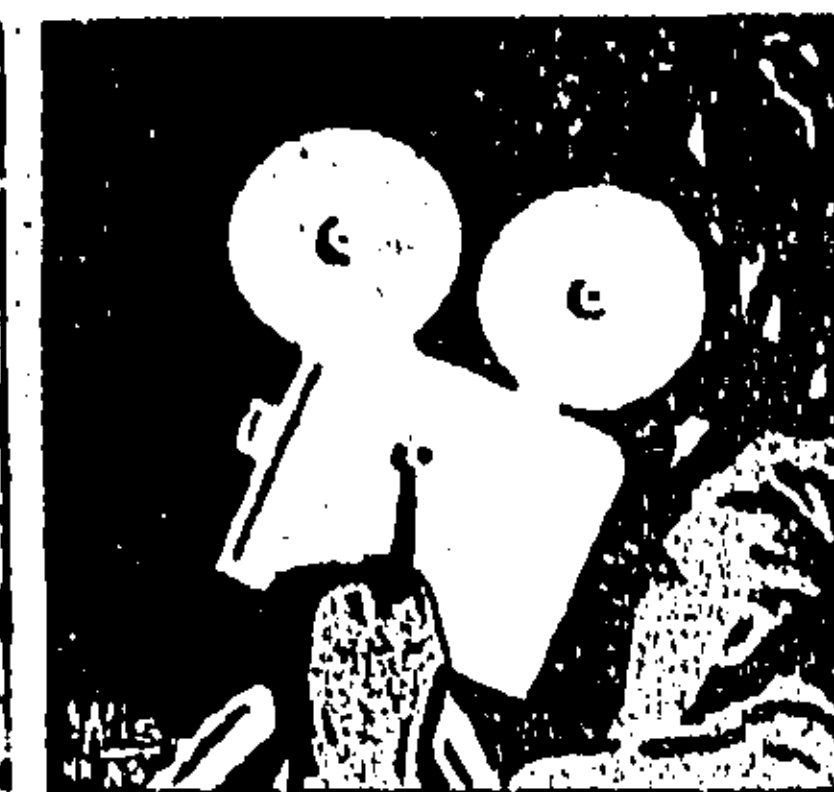
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To-day and To-morrow.—The inimitable pair of newly created stars, Polly Moran and Louise Dressler in a riotously mirthful picture "Caught Short" with Anita Page and Charles Morton.

Tuesday to Thursday.—"Children of Pleasure," Lawrence Gray and Benny Rubin in a song-filled romance of pleasure-blinded youth.

Friday to Monday.—Norma Shearer in her greatest picture "The Divorcee," a stirring modern drama with Conrad Nagel, Chester Morris and Robert Montgomery.

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To-day and To-morrow.—"Senorita," a sparkling comedy drama of love and adventure in South America. With Bebe Daniels, James Hall and William Powell.

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Thursday to Saturday.—The Chinese drama, "The Deceptive Potion."

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To-day and To-morrow.—Buster Keaton in the greatest prize-fight comedy screened, "Battling Butler," with Sally O'Neil.

Tuesday and Wednesday.—"The Red Mill," a comedy romance based on the famous stage play. With Marion Davies, Owen Moore and Louise Fazenda.

Thursday to Saturday.—"The Love Trap," starring Laura La Plante in her newest production, as a love siren who vamps only to save her reputation.

"CHILDREN OF PLEASURE" WILL COME TO QUEEN'S.

"Children of Pleasure," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's all-talking adaptation of Crane Wilbur's stage success of last season, "The Song Writer," will open on Tuesday at the Queen's Theatre, with a cast which includes Lawrence Gray, Wynne Gibson, Helen Johnson, Benny Rubin, Kenneth Thomson, Lee Kohlmar and May Boley. Gibson and Miss Johnson, who have the featured feminine roles, were imported to Hollywood from the legitimate theatre. Miss Gibson's only previous film experience having been in "Nothing But the Truth" while Miss Johnson makes her picture debut in the present vehicle.

Harry Beaumont, remembered for "The Broadway Melody," directed the production from a scenario by Richard Schayer. Rumour is that story, which depicts the love affair of a New York song writer with a society debutante, was inspired by the actual romance of Irving Berlin. It is said the locale shifts from scenes of metropolitan music-publishing houses, song try-out

DARING PLOT IN NORMA SHEARER'S "THE DIVORCEE."

Norma Shearer's ability as an actress capable of handling difficult emotional roles is again vividly demonstrated in her now-Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talking vehicle, "The Divorcee," which will come to Queen's Theatre on Friday.

In this picture, adapted from a story by Ursula Parrott, the attractive star plays the part of a woman whose attempts at showing her husband that there is a double standard for women as well as men result in utter disaster.

Jerry Bernard attempts to console herself for the loss of her husband, who has deserted her because of her affair with his best friend, by living a life of perfect freedom even if she has to break all social codes in doing so. The husband's previous liaison with a divorcee had determined the high-strung society girl that she would meet him on common ground.

Plot Has Ingenious Solution. Her fast pace comes to an abrupt end when she finds herself on the verge of breaking up the marriage of one of her friends whose husband has lost interest in her as the result of a facial disfigurement which follows upon an automobile accident. How she finds a way out of the matrimonial chaos makes up what easily stands in the front ranks of this year's talking screen dramas.

No little of the success of this picture is due to the work of Miss Shearer's large supporting cast, brilliant performances being given by Chester Morris as the husband, Robert Montgomery and Conrad Nagel as Jerry's lovers, Tyler Brooke, Mary Moran, Robert Elliott, Helene Millard and Florence Eldridge in minor parts.

HEAR

THE SONG HITS OF "CHILDREN OF PLEASURE"

"Leave It That Way"
"The Whole Darned Thing's For You."
"Dust"
"A Couple Of Birds"
"Girl Trouble"
"The Better Things in Life"

offices and vaudeville theatres to lavish replicas of the homes of Long Island millionaires. According to Cedric Gibbons, art director, the interiors are the last word in modernistic furnishings and design, incorporating the use of a number of woods and metals seen in pictures for the first time. A further claim for the last word in smartness is made by the M-G-M wardrobe department which asserts that the gowns worn in the production were copied from the newest Paris models.

Gray is said to have a role similar to the one he played in the Duncan Sisters' picture, "It's a Great Life," which gave him an opportunity to sing a number of song hits. Whereas the former offering was a slant on backstage existence, the present vehicle is said to reveal the details of the song writing game from the very moment when the song is first written to the time it is sung from a night club platform. Six songs are listed for the production.

HEAR! HEAR! HEAR!

HEAR MARIE DRESSLER SING IN "CAUGHT SHORT."

"I'm Going Spanish Now."

Oh, that is the strain that drives me insane, it's Carmen I've got a feeling I'm going Spanish now. Some busy bodies call enchiladas charmin' I like things hotter—I'm going Spanish now, oh I want a man—not a man with a sweet disposition All my life I've wanted one with ambition, no Get your guitars and play a few bars of Carmen I've got a feeling I'm going Spanish now. Give me a shawl—a hat and that's all, and I'm Carmen I'm going Spanish now. I'm looking for a tender who's alarmin', I'm going Spanish now. One with strength to pursue and subdue me with lovin', One who is blessed with a temperament just like an oven, Get your guitars and play a few bars of Carmen I've got a feeling I'm going Spanish now.

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FRIDAY TO MONDAY



NORMA SHEARER in **The Divorcee** With CHESTER MORRIS CONRAD NAGEL Based on a story by URSULA PARROTT ROBERT MONTGOMERY A ROBERT Z. LEONARD Production.

SPANISH LOVE.

Bebe Daniels as a Spanish Caballero.

"Senorita" which holds the bill at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is unquestionably one of the best things that Bebe Daniels has done, for in this picture Bebe has had an opportunity that surpasses any she has had in her recent pictures. The story of "Senorita" is a rollicking romantic comedy of love and adventure in South America. Bebe, herself, is in the role of a North American girl of Spanish ancestry who visits her paternal grandfather at the ancestral home in South America. Upon her arrival she learns that her grandfather has always understood her to be a boy and that for her to appear in other guise would break his old heart. With characteristic impulsiveness she masquerades as a dashing Spanish caballero and appears to her grandparent in that guise. Situation follows situation in bewildering sequence. Not only is she accepted as a boy but finds herself in a position where she must make good as the youthful head of the family. She goes, to the great satisfaction of everybody concerned and during her stay provides innumerable laughs and thrills.

"THE RED MILL."

A Spectacular Comedy for 'Star.

Marion Davies as a piquant little Dutch girl comes to the Star Theatre in "The Red Mill," which will be the chief attraction at the Star Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday. The story of "The Red Mill," both dramatic and amusing, tells of a little Dutch kitchen maid who is entangled into society and a strange love affair—who has adventures with ghosts in a haunted mill and upsets a whole Dutch town—all for the love of an Irish tourist with a comedy valet and green necktie. Owen Moore plays the Irish hero in a debonair style that is appealing in its charm. George Siegmann, famous screen villain, is as bad as ever in the role of the sinister "Uncle Willem." Louise Fazenda and Karl Dano make an amusing comedy team in the new production, and Fred Gamble, William Orlamond, Russell Powell, and other well-known favourites are included in the cast. Several hundred people are seen in the glittering winter festival scene and other elaborate details in the quaint Dutch village in which the action of the play takes place.

JETTA GOUDAL'S NEW ROMANTIC PHOTOPLAY IS "FIGHTING LOVE."

Jetta Goudal, the petite, dark-eyed, exotic film star who has been called the "emotional cocktail of the screen drama," will be seen in another of her striking characterisations at the World Theatre, opening on Tuesday next. Victor Varconi and Henry B. Walthall are featured. The picture is "Fighting Love," described as a romantic drama of love and intrigue ranging from the castles of nobility of Italy to the African desert, with Miss Goudal in the role of a young girl of the Italian aristocracy.

Wallace Beery, who will appear as a fisherman in his next role in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Dark Star" will at least have a new experience in it. He says he has never gone deep sea fishing in his entire life, nor handled anything heavier than a trout-rod.

KEATON AT THE STAR.

Although a story of love and the prize ring in which pretty girls and cauliflower-eared gent's vie for the spotlight, Buster himself blossoms forth as a veritable Beau Brummel—a glass of fashion and mould of form. He is a wealthy young idler, the Alpha and Omega of laziness, surrounded by servants, toils-royces and indulgent relatives. Fats, in the shape of Kid Cupid, makes a pugilist out of him—but even in the ring he's required to "dress like a gentleman."

In most of his previous pictures Buster hasn't had to worry about costume changes. A pan-cake hat, old shoes, trousers, coat, and shirt—and he was all set for several weeks' work before the camera.

The comedy star's wardrobe in "Battling Butler," however, consists of more than forty suits, a dozen pair of shoes, dressing gowns, scores of hats, shirts, scarfs, spats, in fact, so much "junk," Buster explains, that he required the services of a valet to get himself rigged up each day.

In his dual capacity of star-director, Keaton made the picture under the Joseph M. Schenck banner for Metro-Goldwyn release, with a supporting cast including Sally O'Neil, one of the Wampas stars; Siltz Edwards, Francis McDonald, Tom Wilson, noted character actor, old time prize-fighter and trainer of champions, such as Bob Fitzsimmons; Eddie Forden, Mury O'Brien, Walter James and Buddy Fico.

"Battling Butler," showing to-day and to-morrow at the Star Theatre, marks the first effort of Keaton's new "gag" men.

FIRST CHORUS GIRL PART FOR LAURA LA PLANTE.

For the first time in her screen history, Laura La Plante, the "personality girl" of the silver-screen, plays a chorus girl in "The Love Trap," her latest Universal starring production which comes to the Star Theatre on Thursday.

Throughout her career in motion pictures, during which time she has played every feminine characterisation from the lowly shopgirl to the incomparable "Magnolia" of "Show Boat," Miss La Plante never before was cast in the "Pony line." However, after the first sequence of the picture in rehearsal attire, the romance of the film takes the heroine into the gilded halls of an aristocratic family, where in her experiences give full scope to her tremendous dramatic ability and lead to the completely unique climax which again affords her the opportunity to display her marvellous "personality" appeal.

"After Magnolia's" rise to success in "Show Boat," said Miss La Plante, "it was something new to be 'fired' as a chorus girl in 'The Love Trap.' But the new roles one plays and the new experiences one has are among the greatest attractions of making photoplays—so I enjoyed being 'fired' very much."

The backstage sequences of the picture were taken in a specially built "wings" set, the bare boards and shabby surroundings being particularly realistic. In contrast to this several very elaborate sets were constructed for the scenes in the Cadwallader home, the interior effects obtained being decoratively and photographically equal to any multi-millionaire's splendour, even in New York or Long Island.

Seen on the Metro-Goldwyn-lot—Greta Garbo strolling about in a pair of white duck beach-trousers during the warm summer days.

FEATURES DUE SHORTLY

REDEMPTION	JOHN GILBERT with Conrad Nagel, Renee Adoree in a tense drama by Leo Tolstol.
IN GAY MADRID	A SONG—ROMANCE with RAMON NOVARRO
SUNNY SIDE UP	CHARLES FARRELL—JANET GAYNOR co-starring in an all-talking musical feature!
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RING LARDNER CHARACTER
WISE-CRACKS ON SCREEN.

Elmer ("Hurry") Kane Lives On
The Screen.

The famous character of the "You Know Me Al" series created by Ring Lardner, is interpreted for the first time, in "Fast Company," by Jack Oakie, popular young comedian of the smart-cracking type who was seen in "Close Harmony," "The Dummy," "The Wild Party" and other recent successful pictures.

Ring Lardner and George M. Cohan wrote the play from which "Fast Company" was adapted and the dialogue sparkles with Lardner's ready, slangy wit. Evelyn Brent, spit-fire of many a crook melodrama, is seen here as the hard-boiled actress who succumbs to the wise-cracking, small-town hero, after a series of mix-ups which provide a riot of fun. Richard "Skeets" Gallagher, who played with Oakie in "Close Harmony" provides a bit of fun in "Fast Company."

"Fast Company," which show at the Central Theatre, starting to-day, is a new kind of boy and girl romance. It is fast-moving and un-sentimental and decidedly amusing.

CHARITY SHOW STARTS JACK
OAKIE'S CAREER.

Jack Oakie began his theatrical career in the Junior League Frolic in New York. He was working in a Wall Street broker's office when he played in this charity show. It resulted in a vodvil booking. He played in vodvil until 1927 when he went to Hollywood.

His stage training has brought him rapid fame, for he has appeared recently in five all-talking successes—"Close Harmony," "The Wild Party," "Chinatown Nights," "The Man I Love" and "The Dummy."

His latest for the talkies—and his biggest film role to date is that of "Hurry" Kane, the hero in the Paramount picture, "Fast Company."

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Brilliant Musical Drama Featured
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The famous "Kinkajou" stomps into town on Thursday when "Rio Rita," the all-talking all-musical film extravaganza Radio Pictures has made from the Ziegfeld show opens at the Central Theatre.

The "Kinkajou" is but one of the numerous dances that feature the brilliant show, which played for 62 weeks on Broadway and for extended runs elsewhere throughout the country.

Bebe Daniels and John Boles head the large cast of stage and screen favourites who transferred the songs and comedy of the stage hit to the screen. Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey play their original comedy roles. Dorothy Lee, the "Syncopation" girl; Helen Kalser, former "glorified" girl of the "Follies"; Georges Renevant, French stage star; Don Alvarado; Eva Rosita, Mexican dancer; and Nick de Ruiz, former tenor of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company, are among the featured players.

Much of the great feature was photographed in technicolour and the sets and costumes of the million-dollar show are said to outdo in colour and richness anything yet viewed on the sound screen.

Others of the features of "Rio Rita" are the dancing chorus of 100 Hollywood beauties, the Climax Grand Opera chorus of 80 voices and the RKO symphonic orchestra conducted by Victor Baravalle.

BOLES, NATIVE TEXAN, FILMS' LEADING TENOR.

John Boles, whose triumph in "Rio Rita" ranks him as the foremost leading man in talking films, might be practising medicine in Greenville, Texas, if friends hadn't insisted his tenor deserved better than to be featured in the college glee club.

Boles was graduated from the University of Texas and came to New York City to get expert opinion on his voice. His teachers saw operatic possibilities so he left for Europe to study under continental masters.

The world war sent him to France for two years' service in the intelligence department and his return marked his stage debut. Leading parts in "Little Jesse James," "Mercenary Mary," "The Roman Love Spell" and "Kitty's Klases" followed. He played and sang opposite Farrar in her only venture into light opera.

Gloria Swanson saw Boles on the stage and invited him to take the lead supporting role in "The Love of Sunnys." This was followed by "Bride of the Night," "The Shepherd of the Hills," "What Hilda Men," "The Last Warning," and "We Americans."

"The Desert Song" gave Boles his first great opportunity in sound films and his singing received world-wide acclaim. On the strength of this first achievement, Radio Pictures cast him for the role of the ranger captain opposite Bebe Daniels in the film version of the Ziegfeld success.

In "Rio Rita" Boles sings the title song, "If You're in Love You'll Wait," "Following the Sun Around," and "You're Always in My Arms."



Bebe Daniels and John Boles in a scene from "Rio Rita."

FAST PACE SET FOR "RIO RITA"
BY REHEARSALS.

Uninterrupted action is essential to the success of sound pictures, according to William Lo Baron, vice-president in charge of production of Radio Pictures, who presents "Rio Rita" at the Central Theatre on Thursday.

"American audiences have absolutely no sympathy with slow, dragging productions," Lo Baron says. "And I believe the point of continuous action is best illustrated at 'Rio Rita'."

"In 'Rio Rita,'" Director Luther Reed concentrated on fast-moving action. Every scene and every sequence was carefully rehearsed for possible dragging.

"It was found that the continuity of the production could best be preserved by stepping up all cues. As a result an actor was in motion several seconds before the time specified in Ziegfeld's original stage script. This overlapping procedure greatly simplified the film action."

"If we can't have continuous action we can't have good sound pictures. In 'Rio Rita' we are bringing the true spirit of Ziegfeld's original production to the screen. We believe we have captured the romantic beauty and colour of the show in our technicolour screen version."

"Rio Rita" as a Radio Picture will do justice to the name of Ziegfeld, we are sure."

MORE COLOUR IN MEN'S DRESS,
FILM ART EXPERT PREDICTS.

Max Ree Opines Rainbow Hues
Will Add To Happiness.

Brilliant colours—purples, crimsons, bright blues—will feature the wardrobe of the well-dressed man of 1934, is the belief of Max Ree, art supervisor of Radio Pictures, who is responsible for the beauty of the costumes and sets of "Rio Rita," the all-talking, all-musical Radio Picture coming to the Central Theatre.

"More and more, men are favouring vivid colours in their clothes," says the Danish artist who chose the colours for the costumes seen in the technicolour sequences of the film version of Ziegfeld's musical comedy hit.

"From the drab neutrals of the nineties, men's fashions have steadily added colour until now we are on the way back to that period of fashion when men adorned themselves with just as much colour as women."

"By 1934, or in four years, I expect to see every colour in the rainbow, in the man's wardrobe. It will be a pleasant situation, too. For use of colour in men's clothing has the same effect as in that of a woman's wardrobe. The colours influence the individual wearing them—induces gaiety, good cheer and restfulness."

Vivid colours predominate in the costumes of Bebe Daniels and John Boles, who play the leads in "Rio Rita."



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Aristocrats Meet in Movies.

Because a man is a Grand Duke,
it does not follow that his biceps
are flabby.

On the contrary, it frequently
happens that a noble family, by
careful breeding back through cen-
turies, will produce men enormously
strong.

One of my earliest memories in
Europe is that of a Russian noble-
man of high rank who used to
enter his own forest and cut wood
with his woodmen. When he was
roused, he would swing an axe
against a tree with such
force that the haft of sen-
sioned wood was shattered.
Once, for a wager, he entered a con-
test, swinging his axe for eighteen
hours without rest. At the end of
that time, he had chopped a great
pile of wood higher than a peasant's
cottage and when he laid down his
axe, the skin of his hands adhered
to the handle and had to be cut free
with a knife.

This is only one of a number of
incidents I recall. The aristocracy
of European nations is still feeling
the effects of the war storm which
wrecked so many social structures
centuries in building. Yet in the
majority of cases these men and wo-
men have shown unexpected courage
and adaptability.

In spite of the fact that many
families of exalted rank had never

faced a real crisis in two or three
generations, their records in the
past fifteen years of war and
sweeping change would do credit to
the most courageous. At the call,
they sprang to arms and bore them
bravely. In revolution and defeat,
they suffered the loss of their homes,
fortunes, and prestige with brave
resignation. Forced by the pitiless
rush of events to seek for their very
bread in other lands, they have, with
few exceptions, established them-
selves in fields entirely foreign to
their birth and training.

In my present production which
Josef von Sternberg is directing for
Paramount, I am surrounded by
many men, who, in their own coun-
tries, bore names among the pro-
duces in the land. Here, in Holly-
wood, they are earning their daily
bread by playing minor parts in
pictures. Forced to flee for their
lives, they have proved their right
to live by coming to a strange coun-
try, overcoming the tremendous
barriers of unfamiliar conditions
and language, and establishing them-
selves as a necessary part of a great
industry. In my role as the Gen-
eral in "The Last Command," I have
given orders to men accustomed to
command brigades and perhaps
even divisions of soldiers. One of
the men was a General of the Rus-
sian Cossacks. Another was on
the Tsar's Staff.

Hollywood is not the only place
where these men and women, made
derelict by war, have created a place
for themselves and demonstrated
their powers of survival. In many
places in Europe men and women of
high rank are earning their living
by honest labour.

The fact that these people have
proven able to readjust themselves
and face new and utterly strange
conditions proves, beyond a doubt,
that the nation which lost them has

MANY FAVOURITES.

Appear in "The Last Command."

The greatest motion picture
favourites of America and Europe
have been assembled for the cast of
"The Last Command" the Para-
mount picture which will show at
the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon,
to-day, with Emil Jannings as the
star.

Heading the European representa-
tion, is, of course, the star him-
self, Jannings, whose two American-
made pictures, "The Way of All
Flesh," and "The Patriot," have
given him in America the same pre-
eminence he enjoyed abroad.

Evelyn Brent, "the girl of mys-
teries," so-called because she has
starred in more mystery and crook
dramas than any other actress, is
Jannings' leading woman, and with
her in the American Contingent is
William Powell, arch-villain of the
screen, who adds to his long line of
sinister portrayals the part of a
rabid revolutionist, who provides
menace in generous and convincing
quantities.

Also in the cast is Nicholas
Soussanin, the Russian actor whose
work as "the waiter who wept" was
such a sensation in the Adolphe
Menjou pictures, "Service for
Ladies," and "A Gentleman of
Paris."

lost valuable material, both physical-
ly and mentally. As many of them
have come to the United States and
have settled here, Europe's loss is
the gain of America. In the
next fifty years, the admixture of
this ancient and honourable stock
with American life will serve to
temper and strengthen the American
race.—Emil Jannings.

EVELYN BRENT.

Evelyn Brent adds another
triumph to her already long list of
imposing successes with her work
in "The Last Command." Miss
Brent supports Emil Jannings, the
great European character actor, in
Paramount's picturisation of the
Russian Revolution.

Miss Brent attracted Josef von
Sternberg, who directed "Under-
world," by her work, and when it
was learned he was to direct the
great Jannings in his next pictures
for Paramount, he immediately
selected her to play opposite the
character actor.

She portrays the role of a Rus-
sian revolutionist, prior to the up-
rising, and falls in love with Jan-
nings, who is commandant of all
the Russian armies. William
Powell, the suave arch villain, is
her confederate.

Her handling of the heavy
dramatic sequences has won her a
round of praise from film critics
which bids fair to elevate her soon
to stardom. Jannings, himself,
has not been the least of those who
have been struck by her work.

POINTS TO REMEMBER.

Another great Jannings picture.
Immensity of scope.
High sets.
Regiments of soldiers.
The sweep of historical spec-
tacle.
World War secrets revealed.
The pathos of tragedy.
Hollywood—City of Magic.
Inside the movie studio—authen-
tic.
Comedy relief—"yes mon".
Colourful backgrounds.
A movie battleground.
A picture within a picture.
Jannings, The Incomparable.
Leo also showed inclination for the

CREATE ROLES.

Novel Idea Amongst Screen Celebrities.

"Imaginative research" is the
latest occupation of the movies.
Practical research, which is used to
determine just how pall-bearers
dress in France, or Venetian
gondoliers take tips, will soon be
considered only slightly more im-
portant.

Vidkun Quisling is the pioneer and
the greatest user of imaginative
research. It requires no books,
maps, charts, graphs or other data,
only an imagination.

Powell's first noteworthy use of
imaginative research was in his
unforgettable portrayal of Beldin,
the renegade, in "Beau Geste."
Paramount's famous Foreign Legion
picture. Powell did two weeks of
imaginative research before he
would consider Beldin ready to be
photographed. By that time he had
provided him with parents, traced
him through life from the day he
was born, to the day he enlisted in
the Foreign Legion.

Imaginative research has been
called into use again by Powell
for the character of Leo Karlovitch,
the young political dreamer and
schemer of "The Last Command,"
the Paramount picture in which
Powell, with Evelyn Brent, supports
Emil Jannings.

The camera picks up Leo at the
age of 27. Powell, by imaginative
research has figured out his life
from the day he was born. He
has given him a father who was an
idealist, thinker, student and leader,
who was falsely accused by agents
of the Tsar and sent to die in the
silt mines of Siberia. His mother
was gently bred, had been trained
in dancing and turned to the stage
to make a living for herself and son.
Leo also showed inclination for the

stage and became an actor of dis-
tinction. His mother, thirsting for
revenge, guided Leo to dedicate his
life to righting the wrongs of a
cruel monarchy.

"My imagination has made me
understand Leo," Powell says. "I
can play him with all the sincerity
in the world."

NORIC ROYALTY.

Emil Jannings' home in Holly-
wood has been referred to as the
"meeting place of the nations." It
comes from the fact that Jannings's
drawing room and informal
gardens invariably attract the
travellers from all countries who
are making Los Angeles and Holly-
wood a stopping point, and also
from the facts that Jannings, the
artist, has an international friend-
ship. Recent visitors were His
Royal Highness, Prince William of
Sweden, and his friends, Count
Lindstrom and Baron von Elovast-
adt. Jannings entertained the
leading Swedish and German na-
tionals in Hollywood in honour
of his guests.

CHANGES NATIONALITY.

William Powell has been a
villain in Polynesian, Bulgarian,
Lithuanian and Syrian.
Now for the first time in his
wayward conscienceless career on
the screen he has diverted his
matchless roguery to the Russian.
He has been cast as Leo, the
political dreamer, who tosses
bombs with one hand while he
romps about slitting throats with
the other and deceiving maidens in
his odd moments. In the Emil Jan-
nings picture, "The Last Com-
mand," now showing at the Ma-
jestic Theatre, Kowloon.

UNRULY MOB.

Incident of Russian Revolution.

The cutting of the trans-Siberian
railway during the hectic days of
the Russian Revolution is depicted
in one of the thrilling moments of
of "The Last Command."

The trans-Siberian railway is the
longest railway from point to
point in the world, and
during its construction under
the Tsar's regime, was heralded
as one of the engineering
feats of the age. It is possible to
entrain on the Siberian express in
Paris, and, a week later, step from
the same train at Shanghai, a dis-
tance of 8,000 miles.

Under the technical direction of
Prince Nicholas Koblansky, who
was attached to one of the Tsar's
personal regiments prior to the re-
volution, this incident is thrill-
ingly re-enacted before the camera.
No detail was overlooked
by the director, Josef von Stern-
berg, in making this scene of the
unruly mob as realistic as possible.

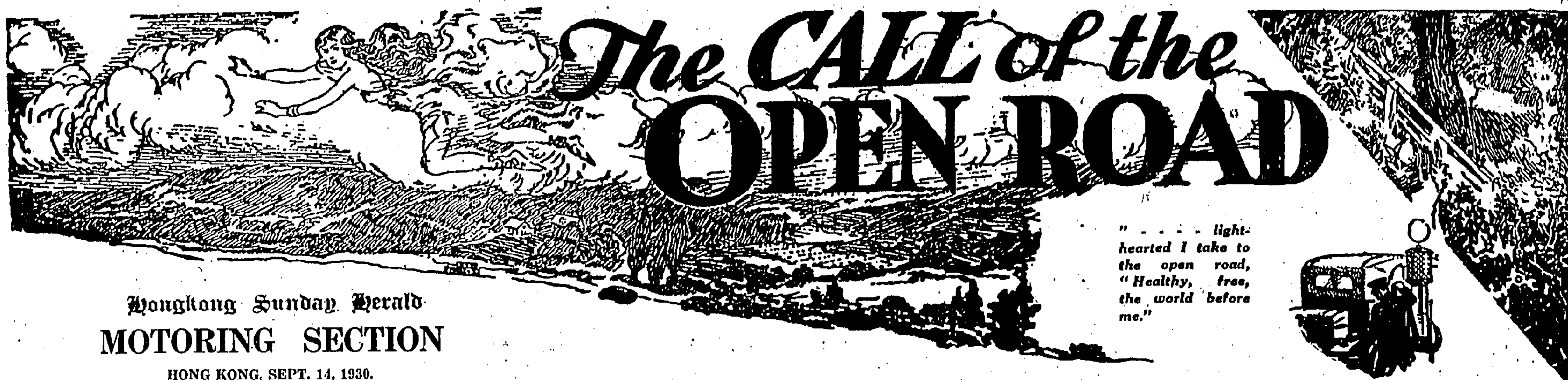
Mr. Jannings is ably supported
by William Powell and Evelyn
Brent.

RUSSIAN REVERSED.

A real general of the Russian
army has become a motion picture
private in Hollywood.

He is Vlachoslav Savitsky, who
held that high rank with Kuban
Cossacks during the zenith of the
late Tsar.

He is Vlachoslav Savitsky, who
voted in "The Last Command." In
the same picture with him is
Alexander Koblansky, who was a
captain in the same outfit. Kob-
lansky is technical director on
the picture and also plays a small
part.



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ACROSS AFRICA.

Thrilling Adventures of Motor Cyclist.

Mr. Louis Kraft, who rode across Africa on a motor-cycle, recently arrived at Cape Town and gave an account of his adventures to the Press.

Mr. Kraft claims that no other man has made the journey on a motor-cycle before. "I started from Johannesburg on a Scott machine in September last year," he said. "The run to Nairobi was so simple, compared with my later adventures, that I will not talk about it."

"Nairobi to Lagos is about 4,000 miles; and there are stretches so lonely that a breakdown means a long march through the bush—possibly death. I started from Nairobi on February 3 this year and successfully climbed the Kenya mountains, passing over the equator at an altitude of 9,000 feet. "I crossed the Nile at Jinja in a dugout canoe, and drove along a first-class road to Kampala, which, like Rome, is built on seven hills."

A Tame Crocodile.

"At Kampala I was present when a tame crocodile was called out of the lake by a native—one of the sights of the place."

"After a vain attempt to cross into the Belgian Congo by road through the Mountains of the Moon, I put my motor-cycle on board a steamer on Lake Albert and so reached the equatorial forests in the region of the Kilo Moto gold fields. "Travelling due north along the

FIAT "514."

Successful Local Mileage Test.

The performance of a Fiat "514" Tourer which arrived in Hong Kong lately has proved its great efficiency and economy.

A local owner only having run his car for 300 miles, and with the engine naturally still a little stiff, made a test of mileage per gallon, and found that it showed 28.69 m.p.g.

The Fiat Garage will only be too glad to give a demonstration to any prospective buyer.

Route Royale, a perfect road. I spent a little while at the mission station in charge of Mr. C. T. Studd, the famous cricketer. I entered French Equatorial Africa at Bangassou."

Continuing his narrative, Mr. Kraft mentioned his journey along the fringe of the Sahara and the long stretch of 400 miles of desolate country, when a leak developed in his petrol tank.

Natives pushed his machine to their village. After a journey on foot and by canoe and encountering many uncomfortable nights in native villages, he eventually borrowed a motor-lorry and returned for his motor-cycle.

Mr. Kraft is a British subject of Belgian origin. He has brought his motor-cycle back to South Africa with him, and he intends riding to Johannesburg. He is planning another long journey—this time to Europe via Cairo.

TWO WHEELS ACROSS AFRICA.

INTREPID MOTOR CYCLIST'S EAST-TO-WEST JOURNEY.

[By Louis Kraft.]

Among the most adventurous tales of motoring in Africa must be numbered those told in Cape Town by Mr. Louis Kraft, a Johannesburg Journalist, who used Mobiloil throughout. Mr. Kraft arrived from Sierra Leone on board the Bompata, after riding by motor-cycle from Johannesburg to Nairobi, and from there right across the continent to Lagos.

In the article below Mr. Kraft tells the story of his trip as far as Arusha. Next week he will conclude his story by describing his stirring experiences in the dense jungle land, and on the fringes of the Sahara desert.

Before attempting to give you a fairly coherent summary of my 7,000-mile journey through Africa on a solo motor-cycle. I'll be well advised to imagine that you would like me to answer a few questions. Nearly everyone I have met during my trip has asked me one or more of the following questions:

"Why did you do it?"
"How about food and petrol?"
"How did you find your way?"
"Did you have any trouble with the natives?"
"How did you converse with them?"

"Did you have any unpleasant encounters with wild animals?"
"Where did you sleep?"

I believe that a number of people would willingly forestall me in my answer to question No. 1, and declare that no sane person would undertake such a journey on a motor-cycle, alone, and that the man who does it is mad. I undertook this journey because I wanted to see the lakes, Kilimanjaro, game, the equatorial forest, raw natives, famous rivers; because I wanted to see and feel what I had read about. I chose a motor-cycle because it is much cheaper to run than a car; and I went alone because the perfect companion was not visible.

I never worried about food. I used to carry the usual assortment of tinned stuff, tea, sugar and biscuits, but very soon I learned that the proximity of a native village meant an abundance of eggs, milk, chickens, ground nuts, honey.

Petrol 7s. 6d. A Gallon.

Except on one occasion, I never ran more than 200 miles without finding petrol. Between Fort Rosebery and Abercorn I paid as much as 5s. 6d. per gallon, and at Fort Archambault and Fort Lamy as much as 7s. 6d.

I found my way by the simple process of inquiring before beginning a day's, or a two days', run. I had no map, as the information gleaned from the local official, trader or missionary is much more reliable and up-to-date than anything that can be gathered from a map, probably a couple of years old. I never got lost, and only once did I take the wrong turning and drive six miles out of my way.

I never had any trouble with the natives. Although I travelled alone through ten countries and had dealings with a large number of tribes all temperamentally different, I found the natives enthusiastic and helpful or indifferent and apathetic, but I remember only two cases of a refusal to obey, and in both instances the refusal was neither sudden nor insolent. The raw native who nurses no grievance and is at peace with the authorities is a wonderful chap, hospitable, helpful and very polite. Some of their salutes are very amusing, and before I had time to get accustomed to one gesture I would find myself among people who greeted me in a new and sometimes baffling fashion. In Southern Tanganyika they would clap their hands. They would shade their eyes with their arms as if my brilliance was too much for them. Or they would shake their fist at me. This was no threat but a salute. In Nigeria they went down on their knees, and near Kano they would even prostrate themselves in the dust.

Seven Essential Words.

If I had known a native dialect, or even one of the important trade languages like Swahili, Sango, or Hausa, it would have been of use for a short time only. I knew none; nevertheless, I overcame the language difficulty. Whenever I met a white man I would inquire about the dialect used in his district, and jot down on a scrap of paper seven words and two sentences. The words were: Good day, water, milk, eggs, push, pull, wait. And the sentences were: "Where is the nearest white man?" and "Is this the way to . . . ?" Several times I found myself among natives who spoke a language I had not been instructed about. In that case I would resort to signs, grins and noises, and amidst general laughter my meaning would suddenly dawn on them.

I never saw any lions during the whole trip, although local people warned me against them almost every day. In Kenya I drove past a spot where 14 lions had been seen the previous day, but although it was 5.30 p.m.—a very favourable time—I saw nothing. I met a leopard four miles from Fort Archambault, but I was not alone then. An American missionary was there; he killed the beast. The snake was less elusive than the lion. I saw many, and came in actual contact with two; a black mamba over which I ran and which hit my leg as it swung back, and a cobra which contemptuously spat on me.

Except on two occasions, I spent the night in rest camps, missions, district officers' houses, native villages, and, whenever possible, in hotels. Twice I camped by myself in the bush. Although nothing actually happened, I should not like to do it again. I would doze off near the fire, wake up with a start, and hastily throw more wood on the dying embers.

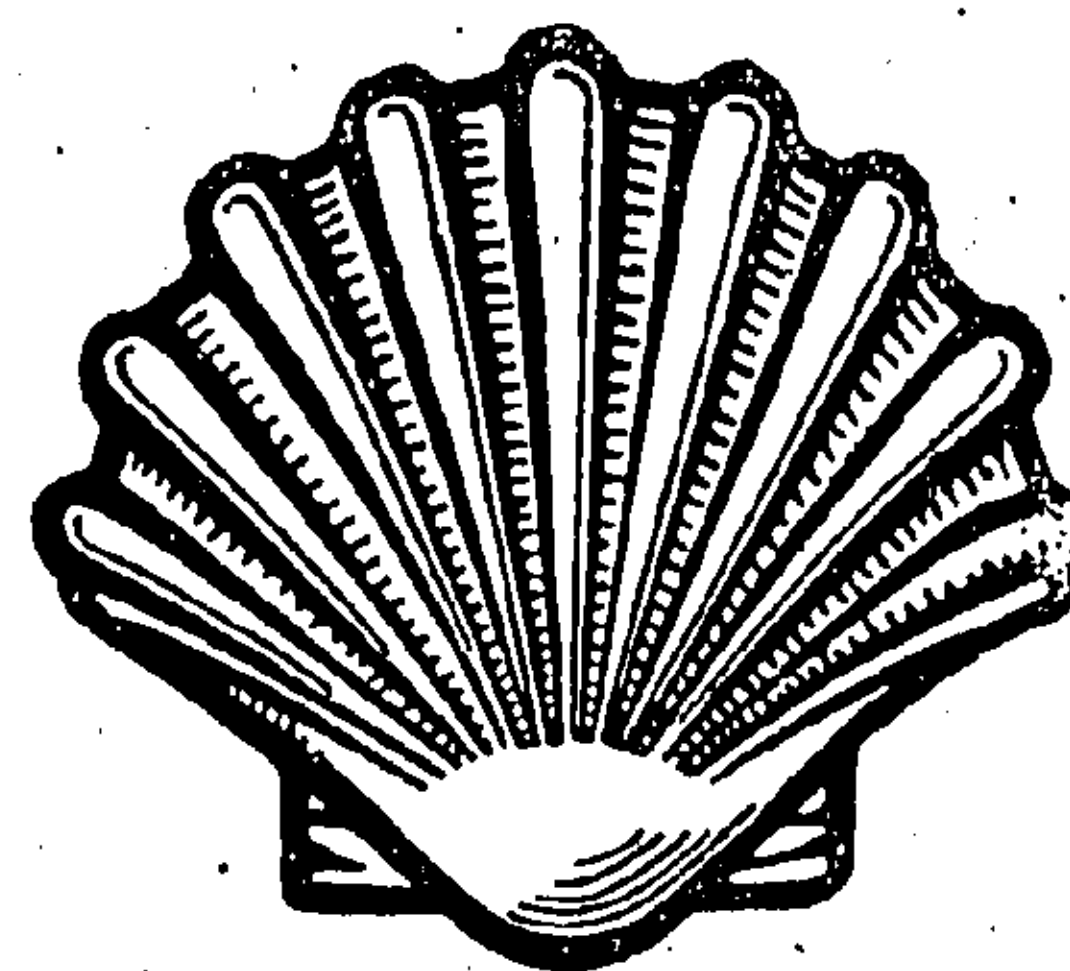
As thousands of South Africans have visited the Victoria Falls, and many have made the journey by road, I will say next to nothing about the first thousand miles of my venture. The road from Bulawayo to Wankle is very sandy in parts, and my clumsy struggles reminded me that for the last 11 years I had not ridden a motor-cycle at all. I was tired, discouraged, and after each spill I felt more and more convinced that the passing of a decade had deprived me for ever of the necessary skill. Little did I guess that, a few months later, I would find myself on the edge of the desert, racing gaily through 800 miles of sand without suffering a single spill.

"Leave The Gun." After driving up and down the steep and bumpy Mica Hills I reached Victoria Falls the previous year, and trucked my machine without delay across the Zambesi River to Livingstone, a distance of seven miles. I put up at the hotel. Before I had finished talking to the manageress a man came up to me and, pointing towards the big Mauser pistol which hung at my side, he asked with a sneer: "What's that for?"

One could see that he was not quite sober, so I told him good-humouredly that I was travelling through Africa on a motor-cycle. "Fancy yourself an explorer?" he said. "Take my tip, leave the gun. You'll never need it."

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MOTOR NEWS

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The Road Owner.

It is quite possible that there will be developments in regard to the use of some of the private roads leading to the seashore in the south of England. In these days of motoring short cuts to the sea are found out quicker than previously, and before long a beaten track appears. But some of these roads are private. One owner, to prove his ownership, got one of his farm hands to sit during a week-end in a large vehicle drawn right across the road. And the motorists had to turn back a good many miles. This is ownership asserted.

Right or Wrong?

There is no doubt as to the legal rightness of these owners, and in some cases motorists have brought the restrictions on themselves. It is the old trouble of leaving litter and making noise and doing damage, but in one case at least the objection to motorists is the same as the objection to pedestrians; and that is that they are on private land.

Handy to Know.

When a petrol or oil pipe breaks on the road it is useful to know that a roadway repair can be effected with a simple cork. It is only necessary to use one of fairly large size, bore through it from end to end a hole of slightly smaller diameter than the broken pipe, slip it over the broken portions of the pipe, and bind firmly with wire or strong cord. In this way a leak-proof joint can be effected, which will last until such time as the car can be garaged and the fractured pipe repaired. It can be made by using a short length of flexible rubber tubing.

Name Wanted.

At a lecture the speaker orated fervently: "He drove straight to his goal. He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him nor turn him from his course. All who cross his path did so at their own peril. What would you call such a man?" "A truck driver," shouted a voice from the audience.

To-day and Yesterday.

For every car produced in 1907 British factories are said to produce eighteen to-day, at prices which, on an average, are 50 per cent. below the pre-war level.

British Imports.

During May, 1930, 435 cars valued at £90,167 were imported into the United Kingdom, as compared with 2,162, valued at £295,466 during the corresponding month of 1929. Exports of cars numbered 1,885, valued at £295,008, as compared with 2,114 of a value of £358,146 during May, 1929.

The Human Factor.

Lecturing at the Royal Automobile Club on the "Psychology of Accidents," Dr. G. H. Miles, assistant director of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, said that while the material element in most accidents was fully investigated, few attempts were made to find why at a particular moment the human being concerned should have failed to react as he should have done. In the question of accidents, as in all other problems of efficiency, the human being was the central factor, and it was imperative that a scientific study of his behaviour and environment be made.

Cars in Ceylon.

Of a total of 24,250 cars in use in Ceylon on May 31, 1930, 8,296 were of British and 11,220 of American manufacture.

Old Cars in France.

Of 930,157 cars registered in France at the end of last year, 73,610, or just under 8 per cent., were subject to a reduced tax by reason of being over nine years of age.

Motor Fuel from Tar.

In the course of a lecture before the Society of Chemical Industry at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, recently, Lord Brotherton said that so far as coal-tar could be made to yield motor spirit, a home market of enormous extent was open to it, and that the systematic study of the chemical and thermal treatment of coal-tar, that was the blending of its fractions and the modification of its properties to serve many purposes, was only in its infancy.

Taxi Glut in Berlin.

Berlin has about twice as many taxis as it can employ in the present economic depression. The taxi-owners are considering two radical proposals for dealing with the situation.

According to one of them the taxis should only work one shift instead of being on the road day and night. This would throw half the drivers out of their jobs.

According to the other proposal taxis with odd numbers should only ply on the odd days of the month, and those with even numbers on even days, that is the drivers should all be put on half-time. The second proposal has already been tried with success in Hanover.

Filling Stations.

It is stated that in America there is one filling station to every 181 motorists, and in Australia there are only 66 motorists to each filling station.

Long, Long Trail.

By reaching New York two young men have just concluded a very long journey on a Chevrolet. They started two years ago from Buenos Aires, and have covered 19,000 miles.

Water in Brake Drums.

A few, even modern, cars are fitted with brakes which refuse to work, when there is any water lying on the road. This difficulty may be overcome by drilling two or three 5 mm. holes in the brake drums, thus allowing the water to fly out of its trap by the movement of the wheel.

Free Licence.

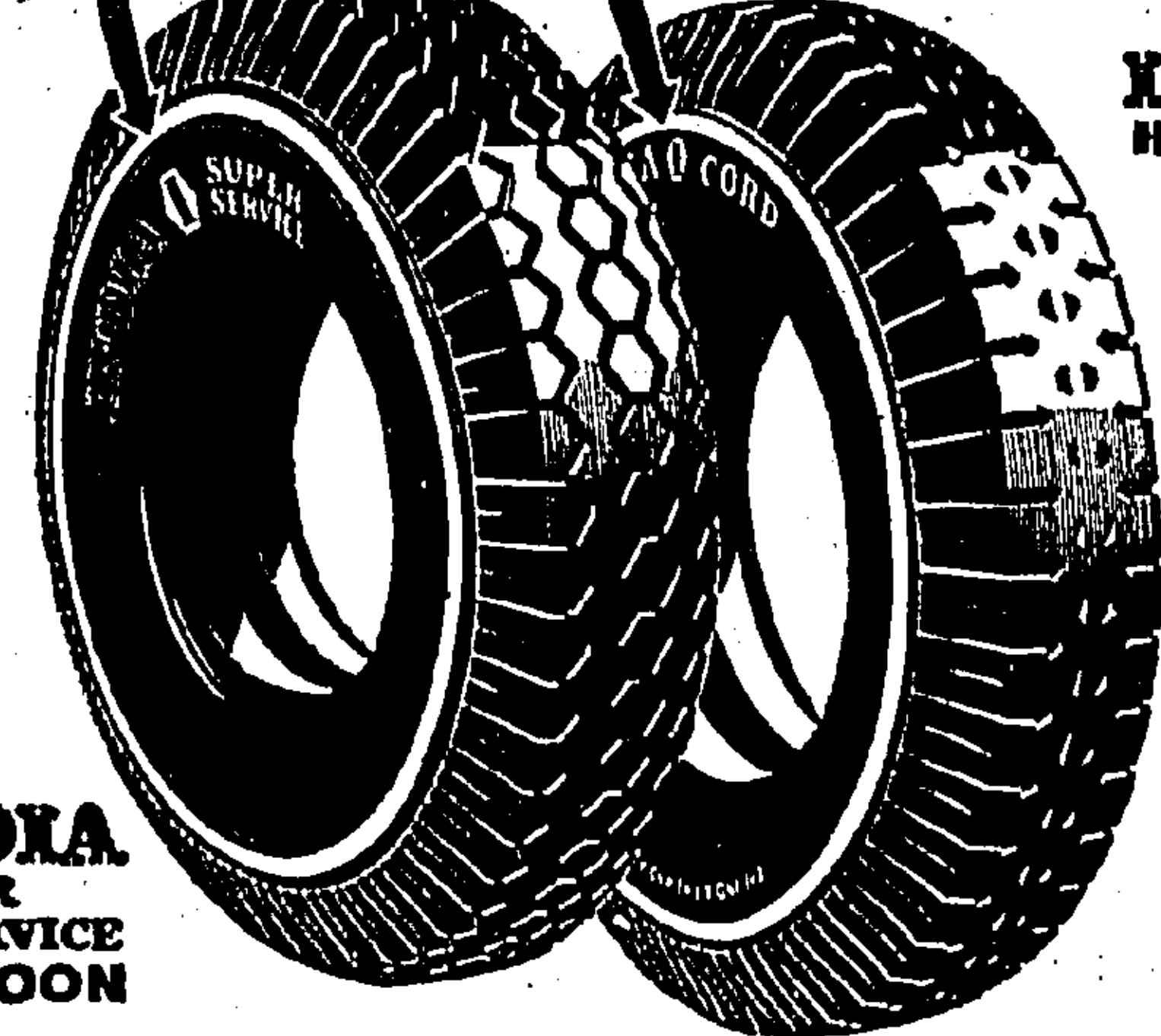
It was announced by the Ford Motor Co. that a free licence for the second half of this year will be given with each Ford car purchased before July 31. This offer applies to both the 24 h.p. and 14.9 h.p. models, and in effect makes possible the purchase of either the smaller—or the bigger—engine car at the same price.

No Tail Lamps.

At this time of year hay carting is in and the R.A.C. warns motorists that they may encounter loaded wagons on the roads after dark without any lights. Under the Road Transport Lighting Act, a vehicle carrying agricultural produce of an inflammable nature, in the course of the internal operations of a farm, need not carry lamps during hours of darkness, says the mail week Autocar.

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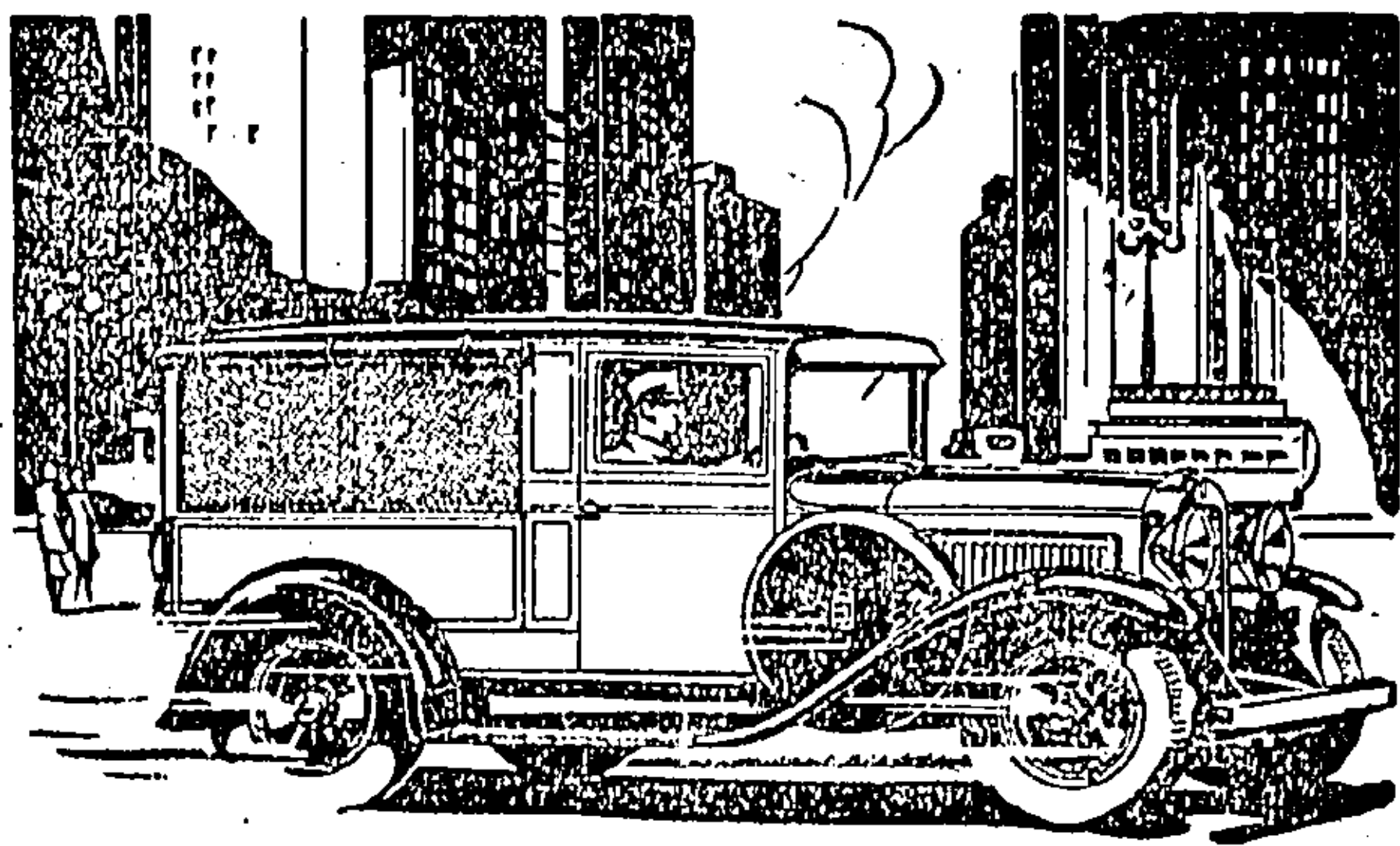
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Four Things Wanted at Once.

Largely, of course, it depends on the point of view. Those of us whose memory goes back any length of time before the war are very well aware that cars and newly everything connected with them have been so immensely improved that they might now be regarded as almost perfect. But our ideas of perfection have developed with the cars themselves, and we now find that a great many things we have not yet got are required to satisfy us.

Other people doubtless have their own opinions as to what is chiefly wanted. Let us name four things that I think should come first, and which do not require any wonderful inventiveness, but can be had as soon as the manufacturers make up their minds.

Lubrication.

First and foremost, I should put perfect and easy lubrication. I do so, not merely because the ideal lubricating system would be automatic, and thus save the motorist a lot of tedious, dirty work, but because even a reasonable approach to that ideal would save him a great deal of money. Just consider how repairs would be cut down if every bearing or rubbing surface in a car were always kept perfectly lubricated.

That, no doubt, could be done just now if every owner or chauffeur were to follow faithfully the book instructions for lubricating. But how many do? Any repairing garage can tell what a proportion of its jobs is due simply to neglected lubrication. And lubrication is neglected as it is because on a great number of cars the job is troublesome, lengthy and more or less messy.

We have, to be sure, a large number of cars nowadays in which the labour of lubrication has been cut down nearly to a minimum. But this development should go further yet, and there are still far too many cars on the road on which

lubrication is more or less scamped and neglected because nobody likes the job and many will not do it.

If it is suggested that making cars indestructible is not a prime object of the motor industry, my reply is that anything is in the interests of the motor industry which makes cars better and cheaper and easier to run, and the industry is not so short-sighted as not to know that.

The Gear-Box.

Next to the greaser, I want to abolish the gear-box. There are people who say they enjoy going round the car and conscientiously giving turns to the greasers; there are also people who say they enjoy playing with their gears. So they do, but only because they know that there are a good many who botch gear-changes and this gives them a happy feeling of cleverness and superiority.

The reasons for abolishing the gear-box are perfectly simple and patent to everybody. In the first place, there are many people who never quite master the art of gear-changing; they are never quite sure whether they are going to make a neat and silent change or a horrible screech and an awkward jerk in the car's motion. In the second place, it is quite easy even for a fairly good driver to make a bad change, in certain circumstances. In both these cases the eventual result is a gear-box repair or replacement, usually preceded by a lot of disagreeable noise on the indirect gears.

In the third place, every gear-change, however successful in itself, unless accompanied by the most skilful control of clutch and accelerator (of which not one driver in a thousand is capable) means an abrupt and more or less violent shock throughout the whole transmission from crank-shaft to hub. That is inherent in the nature of the ordinary gear-box and has always been the argument against it.

I might add in the fourth place that the constant talk about "top-gear performances" is in itself a condemnation of the gear-box, and the efforts which are being increasingly made to get away from the old style of gear-changing—

the free-wheel devices, the do-Lavaud transmission, the Daimler "fluid fly-wheel," the "self-changing" gear-boxes—all endorse the condemnation.

Manufacturers have been singularly conservative, but the next five years will see a very big change.

Open Or Shut.

The third thing I should mention would be bodywork which could be made either open or closed by one person in one minute and without any of the drawbacks still attendant in existing devices. There are, it is true, some very fair compromises on the market, and though personally I dislike all closed bodies, I am willing to agree that for other people these compromises are a great deal better than a permanently closed body or an open body with a hood which cannot be put up and down without a lot of trouble and irritation.

But we have still a good way to go before we get the perfect solution of this problem, and the manufacturer who gets it first should make a fortune.

Springing.

As a fourth requirement I should put the perfect-springing system. We are still a good way from this, especially considering two things—that springs (even with gaiters) do not remain in their first condition, and that we have not yet discovered how to make them easily variable for different loads and different roads. Springing, however, is a very difficult problem indeed, and we must leave it to the manufacturers and inventors to work away patiently until they have found out much more about it. There are all sorts of things for which we might ask them, and some of them we shall get before we get the ideal springing system.—Ex.

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TWO WHEELS ACROSS AFRICA.

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"I hope I won't," I replied; "but, still, it may come in handy."

He repeated, with growing irritation, what he had already said, and I left him, laughing inwardly at his angry optimism.

It certainly would have been sheer folly to venture forth without a weapon. Nevertheless, the man's unreasonable outburst was a kind of prophecy. If he had supported his statement with the offer of a bet, and I had assented, I would have lost.

From Livingstone to Broken Hill the road was good except the first 25 and the last 30 miles. Most of the time the track ran parallel with the railway line, and even when the latter was visible I knew that it could not be far away. The railway line is the brightest of all companions, and gives to the motorist a false but wonderful feeling of security. Much later, when I undertook to travel a distance of 2,700 miles between one railroad and another, I quickly forgot the very existence of Stephenson's invention, but during the early part of my journey the proximity of the railway line was a great comfort.

One evening feeling tired and unwilling to drive after sunset, I camped within sight of a home-stand, so as to make an all-night fire unnecessary. After a light meal of cocoa and thinned stuff, I lay back on my ground sheet and composed myself to sleep, but a slight noise made me look up and in the semi-darkness I saw a hand holding a piece of paper. My presence had been reported to the farmer who kindly sent me a note inviting me to have dinner with him and to make myself comfortable on the verandah. I accepted the latter proposition and spent the night in the Oriental fashion, on a dozen cushions, strewn on the floor.

On "The Great North Road". The day after I reached Broken Hill I visited the Mulungushi dam, which supplies the lead and tin mines with electric power. The same road leads to the golf course, which had been visited quite recently by unwelcome visitors in the shape of four lions. The beasts were killed by the angry golfers!

Forty miles from Broken Hill the Mulungushi River used to flow through a narrow fissure only 75 feet wide. Five years ago, this was blocked, not with a carefully erected wall, but simply by blasting the adjoining rocks in the bed of the river. The water is led by means of a canal seven miles long to a canon nearly a thousand feet deep, at the bottom of which lies the power station. The descent into the gorge is made by means of a small skiff along a gradient very near the vertical; an exciting experience.

Forty-four miles north of Broken Hill I came to a standstill in front of a signboard pointing to the right. I read the romantic name: "Great North Road." So, here was the beginning of a 1,500-mile trail, and the end was Nairobi.

According to my experience, one of the pleasures of road travel is this sudden meeting in the bush with the name of a locality till then only visited in one's dreams. The encounter is always unexpected: with a shock of delight the traveller realises that, at last, he is within reach of a particular spot on this planet which, if luck had not favoured him, would be no more than a sign on a map or a chapter in a book. Abercorn, Nairobi, Fort Archambault, Kano, Jinja or the Nile, Jebba or the Niger, these names became realities all of a sudden, not when I saw them, but when for the first time I read the words on a signboard.

I took the road to the left towards Ndola. I wanted to see the Rhodesian copper belt and Ellenabethville. I would rejoin the Great North Road at Kasama.

"Little Paris in the Bush." I drove through Bwana Mkubwa, Ndola, Roan Antelope, Mullashi and Nechangu. Of all these places, Roan Antelope is the biggest and the most spectacular. The road from Ndola to the Roan is lorry-rutted and pock-marked with potholes. I had a bad spill and found myself pinned under the machine with something sharp stuck in my leg and my foot twisted in such a way that I was unable to lift the cycle or drag myself free. I lay there for half an hour, and wondered whether I would be relieved before nightfall. A lorry turned up, and soon after I was able to proceed.

Ellenabethville, which I reached after a lonely drive through rather wild country, is a quiet, cheery, neat little town. Not "a little Paris in the bush" as some people are fond of calling it, but still an oasis of comfort and security. The shops are attractive and well stocked; the hotels are rather drab and give the traveller very little for 25s. a day. There is only one big, impressive-looking building, very little traffic in the

streets, and the very heart of the town has all the amiable sleepiness of Cape Town's Public Gardens.

But Ev'ille, as the Belgians call it, is still in its teens. It is a copper what Johannesburg is to gold, and has grown with amazing swiftness during the last ten years.

Swimming Among Crocodiles. Steering due east, I headed for the Lunpula River, Rhodesia and Fort Rosebery. After crossing the river on a ferry, I resumed my journey certain that I would reach Fort Rosebery the same day. But my throttle cable broke almost immediately, and I returned to the river bank, where I set up camp and effected the necessary repair. Just before sunset I had a swim after a sceptical glance at the benevolent-looking water. This swim in a river which Leitstock Reid calls the Kingdom of Crocodiles was a case of "ignorance is bliss."

Later I learnt that to let one's hand dangle over the side of a canoe is foolhardy, and that bathing in an African river is an ugly way of committing suicide. After hearing a few harrowing tales about reckless bathers, overturned canoes, and sinking ferries, I swung to the other extreme and refused to bathe in a river or lake even after the natives had assured me that the stretch of water we were facing was free from the incursions of crocodiles. Eventually, I took a reasonable view of the subject, and in the Northern Congo and French Equatorial Africa I had many a good swim. But I made the natives go in first.

The next morning, speeding along a smooth forest track, I felt I was penetrating the bush in earnest. When I look back, I must admit that the 320 miles' journey from the Lunpula River to Abercorn should have been a joyride, in spite of the fact that I never saw a single car on the road; but at the time the novel feeling of utter solitude damped my spirits.

Near Fort Rosebery, I stopped at the camp of a Greek trader. The man's tent was full of skins: leopards, pythons, otters, and wild cats. I stayed for lunch; lingered till after tea; then left for Luwingu, a small station north of Lake Bangweulu. The road was good, the air cool, but the bush was too dense for my liking, and I blamed myself for having started so late. Shortly after sunset I switched on the light. A red glare, a flicker, then darkness. Probably a short circuit. I did not care. My emergency acetylene lighting set would cease to be a formidable gadget, and be promoted forthwith to the rank of a necessity. But nothing would induce the gas to pass through the burner. With the help of an electric torch I discovered that the burner-holder had never been drilled through, a very rare occurrence.

I had a vision of leopard skins neatly fitted on resilient bodies, and decided to drive in the dark to the next native village. I must have done about six miles when I saw some lights on a hill, and a path leading towards them. Half an hour later I was sitting at dinner in company with three women and one man. The place was Chipili, the Universities Mission to Central Africa.

Since that night I have visited many missions. I have seen the missionary at work. I have seen him in his home and in his church. The subject of the mission is a highly controversial one, which cannot be branched in an article devoted to actual travelling. Consequently, I shall name and enumerate, but neither tell nor describe, except Dr. Albert Cooke's medical mission, which is one of the sights of Kampala.

I duly reached Luwingu, where my kind hostess, the district officer's wife, advised me not to leave my boots outside my door, because a hyena would probably carry one away; passed through Kasama, and drove to Abercorn on the Great North Road, which is nothing but a grass-grown track winding through endless bush.

I settled down in the municipal rest-house, as the hotel was still in the course of construction. Abercorn is a large station, 23 miles from Lake Tanganyika, and is the centre of a coffee-producing district. Twelve miles from the town I came to the edge of the Great Rift Valley, which extends from Rhodesia to the Red Sea, and a quick plunge of a couple of thousand feet brought me to the lake shore. The small landing-stage was quite deserted, for the steamer which piles the lake was not due for eleven days. I fancied I had reached the shore of some unknown bay in the Mediterranean Sea. After a night's rest on my ground-sheet and some dry grass, I woke up to find four natives waiting to take me on the lake in a large dug-out canoe. I made the

tour of one of the islands. The paddlers sang all the time. Everything was blue; the water, the sky, the hills.

Into Tanganyika.

Leaving Abercorn behind, I entered former German East Africa, now Tanganyika Territory, under British mandate, and after paying a short visit to the famous Mwanzo Scotch Mission, the Mbozi Moravian German Mission, and having passed through the customs at Mbozi, I descended into the Bahora flats, and drove for forty miles in a strange world. The Bahora flats seem to be the bottom of a dried-up lake. Parts of it are as smooth as a tennis court. The place was teeming with gazelle. Lots of natives, and big herds of fine looking cattle. During the rainy season, the flats are one huge swamp. I met a white man who studied the possibility of growing cotton there.

After negotiating several pole bridges made with roughly hewn, loosely laid logs, I reached Malangali, which boasts a native Experimental School well worth visiting.

The school has its own court of justice composed of six elders and six boys. The judgments are sometimes disconcerting to the European school masters. A young native was brought up before the court for having forged a letter informing the head of the school that the boy's father was dying and wanted him home. This was written on paper taken from another boy. As forging and lying were no crimes according to these

people, the boy was punished for stealing paper.

Dodoma Flats.

I had a pleasant drive to Iringa. I saw several farms and even a bacon factory. The landscape was unusual: the ground was dotted with stones lying at fairly regular intervals; no bush, but clusters of fine-looking trees. A few miles from the town I passed near a hill on top of which a medieval construction was perched, the Italian mission of Santa Maganga. Iringa seems to be owned by the Indians. There are two hotels. The best and most up-to-date of the two is owned by an Indian and managed by a German. Nearly all the farmers are Germans. In their shorts and felt hats they look like the sturdy inhabitants of Tirol.

My next objective was Dodoma, on the Dar-es-Salaam-Kigoma railway. The road passes through the Dodoma flats, which are a couple of thousand feet lower than the surrounding country. I descended into the plain below by means of the most dangerous escarpment I have seen during the whole trip. For eight miles I went down a narrow, steep path, abruptly bordered on one side by a precipice several hundreds of feet deep. The corners were sharp right angles. I was obliged to drive straight towards the void, then make a quick turn, keeping us near to the wall as possible. The view was an unforgettable one. Pata Morgana were playing, above the flats and far away I could see that rain was falling. A portion of this plain is a game reserve and I saw

gazelles by the hundred. Once I got off the machine and explored a deep clearing in the bush. I noticed spears of elephants.

The Ruaha River runs through the Dodoma flats. Before crossing it on the ferry, I stopped for a while at the camp of the engineer who was building a bridge in this fever-stricken spot. With no other white man to relieve him of some of the work and with the sole help of a gang of raw natives and a few Indian artisans, he had nearly completed the erection of a four-span bridge; two spans being 136 feet long and the other two a little shorter. The story of this bridge is one of the obscure minor epics of progress in tropical Africa.

Man-eating lions focused the attention of the public on the bridge at Taovo, on the Kenya railway. The bridge on the Ruaha has no blood-curdling history, although lions are numerous in its vicinity. It is simply one example of what happens in every corner of the Empire. A year and a half ago our engineer, a Scotman, pitched his tent in the heart of the Dodoma game reserve. For six weeks he tried in vain to get labour. He erected the pillars of his bridge before the rains, then undertook to hoist the two land-spans. Every-thing had to be lifted by hand from the river bed with the help of an ordinary derrick. Our solitary engineer had to do everything: recruit, supervise, blast the rocks, feed his workers, chastise them and nurse them.

Game Reserve in Hidden Crater. After showing me round the

works, Mr. Watson asked me to have a drink. We were having a chat over a whisky when we saw something moving between roof and tarpaulin. "A rat," whispered my host, and before I could shout "Don't!" he snatched the bottle, still three-quarters full, and swinging it like a battle-axe he aimed at the rat, and . . . and broke the bottle against a beam. Yes, I saw a Scotman smashing a good bottle of whisky, a bottle almost full, in a vain endeavour to kill a rat, an amazing experience.

I would rather not say anything about Dodoma. It is an ugly place. On the contrary, Kondon-Irangi 100 miles further north, is as pretty as its name. It still shows traces of the old slave-raiding days, and has a definite eastern atmosphere. I found an excellent little German hotel. During dinner a French Catholic missionary told us how he used to kill his buffaloes which strayed into his back garden, and a German big-game hunter gave me the latest information on the fauna of the famous Ngorongoro crater, hidden in the bush near Lake Eynsi. Ratelyffe-Dugmore in his "Wonderland of Big Game" and Mason in "Deserts Idle" have described this game reserve at the bottom of a crater 22 miles in diameter and protected against the outside world by a high escarpment.

During the first half of my journey from Kondon-Irangi to Arusha, I had to cross half a dozen sandy river beds, and, unlike the river beds of Northern Nigeria, there were no grass mats to make

things easier. Then I drove on a narrow path through thick bush, and all the time the tsetse flies were after my blood. The second half of the journey was made on black alluvial soil which the tramping of innumerable game during a recent downpour had made to look like a choppy sea. After 40 miles of continuous jolting the road gradually improved, and the last stretch of 15 miles was a glorious dash through prosperous-looking coffee farms. During the day I saw game in increasing numbers. Whenever herds of zebras, wildbeasts or antelopes spotted me they would race alongside with the intention of crossing the road in front of me. I used to slow down in order to allow them to do so, then at the last moment rush forward, and the graceful animals would fly across the road, only a few yards from me. The giraffes used to gaze at me, unabashed, until they saw me getting off the machine. Then they would amble away with a weird slowness of movement which seemed unreal and ridiculous.

The next day I saw Kilimanjaro. [To be continued next week.]

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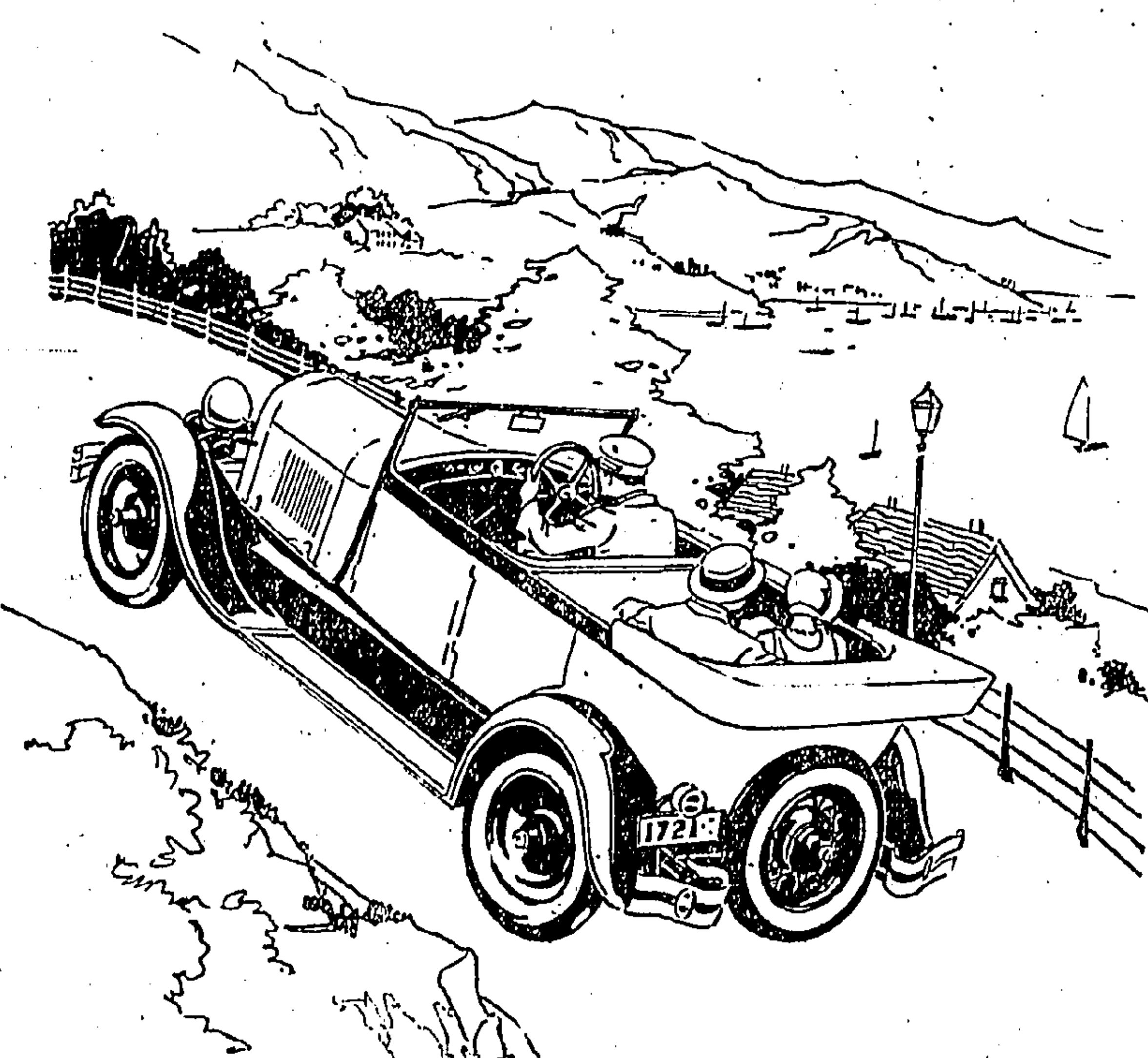
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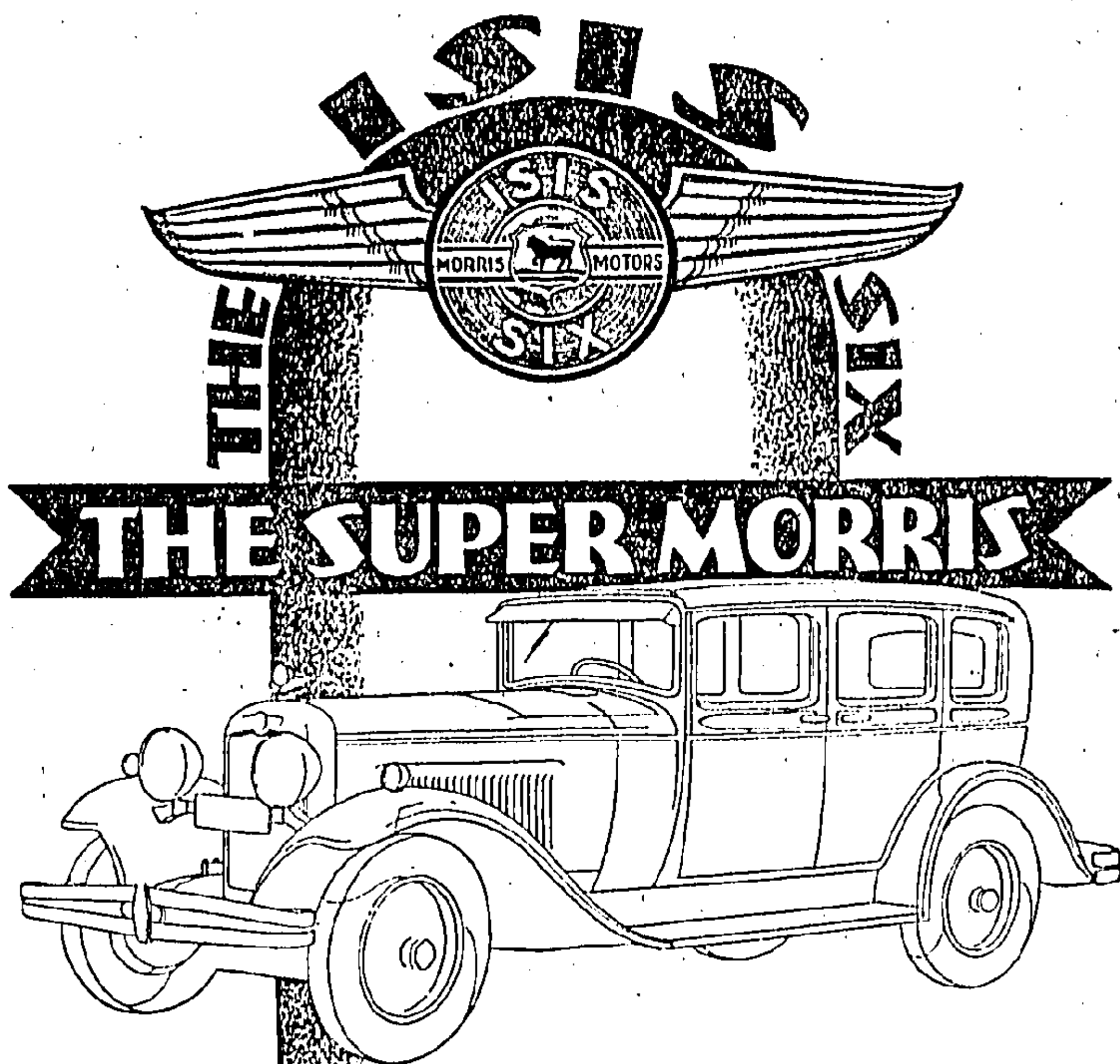
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One old catalogue, printed in 1906, a year after the production of the first Buick, lists among the extras, a "rubber under-cover which completely protects the mechanism from mud and dust." To-day the Buick engine is completely sealed at all points and rubber under-covers have long since been forgotten, along with other curious developments of the first automobile.

Listed as standard equipment on the 1906 Buick were "two side oil lamps, one rear oil lamp, horn and tube, and complete tool kit, including tyre repair outfit." Windshields and tops were extra. The tops were big voluminous affairs that resembled the present day aviator's parachute, and the windshield was called a storm front and was made of leather, with large front celluloid windows.

But if the comparatively unimportant features on the early Buicks have changed radically, the fundamental engineering principles have remained steadfast. For instance the valve-in-head principle of the motor construction which was used in that early day is still used to-day by Buick and by the world's fastest racing cars. The car used by the late Major Segrave when he established the world speed record of 239 miles at Daytona Beach last year was powered with an engine built on this valve-in-head principle, a design which has reached its present stage of high development largely through Buick engineering effort.

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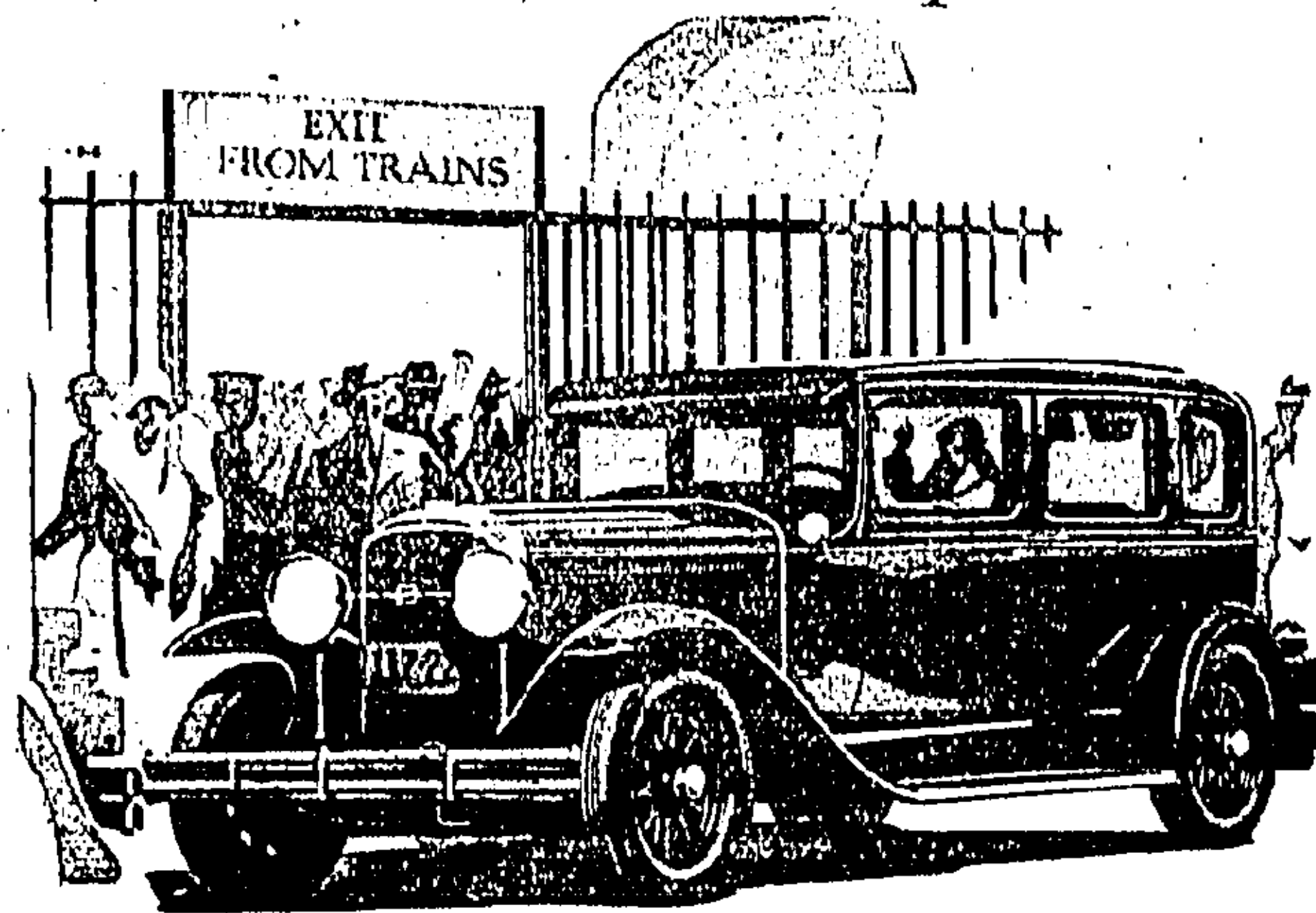
Queer Cars at Brooklands.

The programme at Brooklands for the August Bank Holiday included two events in striking contrast. One was a 25 miles race for cars capable of doing over 100 miles an hour; the other was for cars which are at least 25 years old. This event attracted many entries which have curious stories attached.

One car was a single-cylinder Gladiator, owned by a lady who has made the fastest time of her sex at Brooklands. The fact that it is a single-cylinder car is proof of its age, and she vouches for it that its previous owner used it as a nesting-box for fowls. Another entry, a 4½-h.p. car, had been stored in a garage since 1902, and for at least 22 years rats had lived in it. A story of sheer neglect attaches to still another, an 1897 Benz, which stood in a field for so many years that a tree grew through the back of it and had to be chopped away before the car could be moved. The first car that ever ran round the Brooklands track—a Sladeley, that did nearly 24 miles an hour, and has since been laid up in a garage—made its reappearance.

Other entries had not had so leisurely an old age. There was one, built in 1902, which since 1923 has done an average of some 150 miles a week. Another small Benz was in 1901 reported for speeding furiously along the road at ten miles an hour. An M.M.C. car of 1896, which went into retirement in 1903, and last year did the London-Brighton run without any mechanical trouble, was entered.

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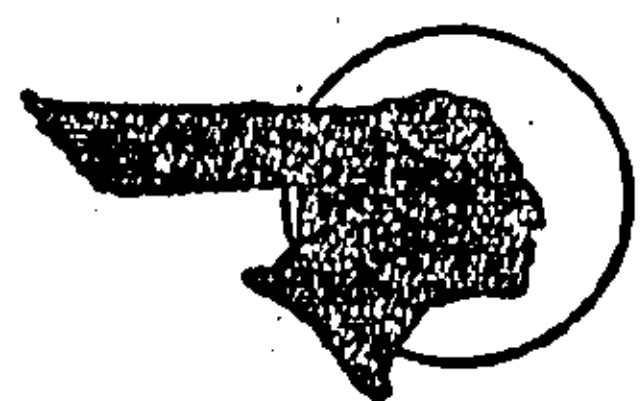
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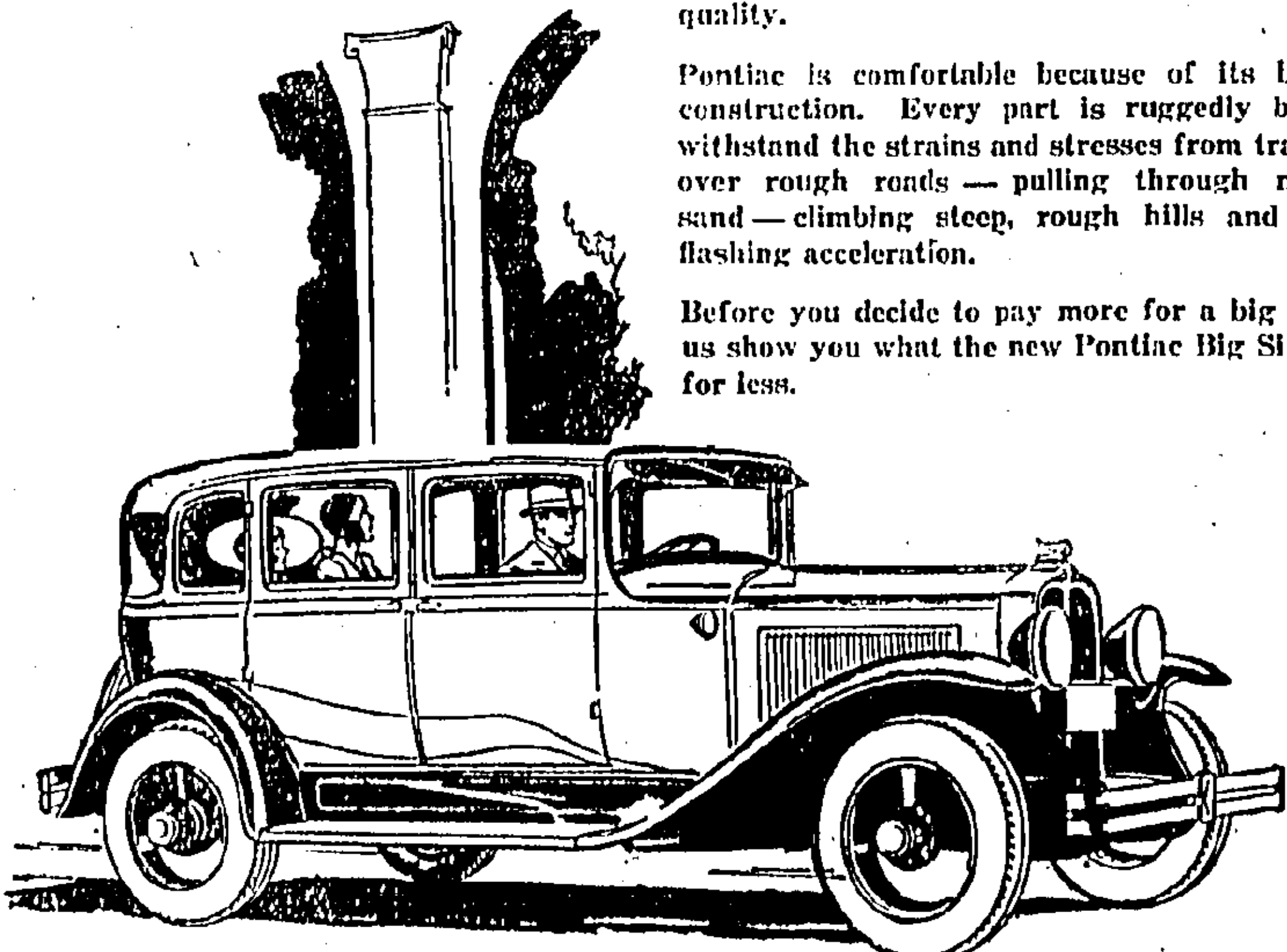
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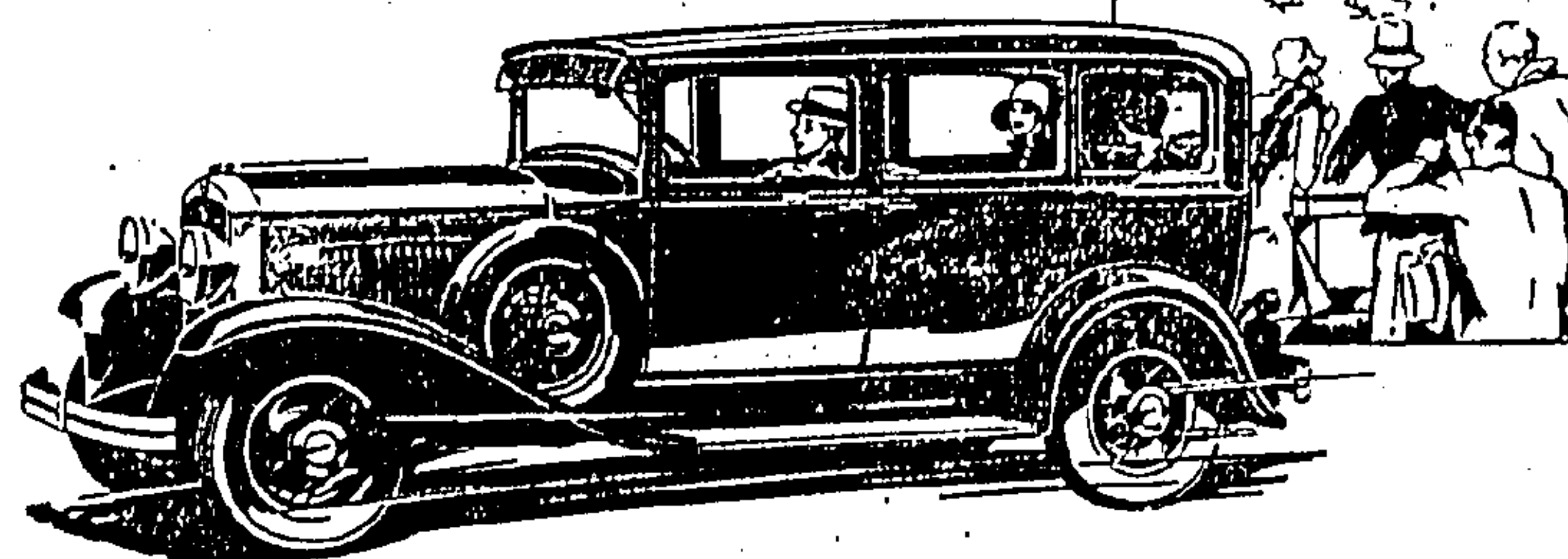
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Vexed Question of "In-Laws."

PERTURBED OLD MAN.

The old, old story of "in-laws" was threshed out once again yesterday when Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith heard a somewhat complicated case in which a Chinese was charged with having assaulted an elderly man in a hut in Kowloon Tong district.

Allegations of Assault.
The defendant's story was that he had a "little fight." He went on to explain that his young sister was the wife of one of the old man's sons. Her father-in-law had always assaulted her, in fact, three times he had done so. As it was domestic trouble, defendant did not take much notice of it. This was last year. This year, however, sometime ago, his sister came running to him to say that her father-in-law had assaulted her. They had a talk over it, and afterwards he went with his sister to the old man's hut to see what the position was. The old man was very hasty tempered, and soon the argument came to a fight. He had known the old man to have spat blood before, and he was ill before the affair.

The Magistrate: The complainant is a very old man and I don't think you should have struck him. Defendant: He was striking my sister. Magistrate: Your sister looks strong enough to hold her own against this old man!

Cherchez La Femme!
The complainant, who looked very thin and weak, was then asked to give his version of the fight. The first thing he said was "I did not strike the woman." He continued to say that some time ago, he was giving congee to one of his little daughters-in-law in the house. The woman, who was another daughter-in-law, was standing close behind. The little girl kept looking at her instead of paying attention to the congee which she was drinking. The old man told the girl that she was not to look so much at the other woman. This apparently hurt her feelings and she promptly went into a cubicle at the rear and got a piece of wood. She struck him three times, witness continued.

He swung round in order to take the wood out of her hand, and somehow or other, one end of the piece hit the woman below the left eye causing a black mark. The woman's husband was a seafaring man. "That's all," concluded the old man.

Magistrate Sceptical.
The Magistrate: It does not seem to me to be usual that a Chinese woman would assault her father-in-law for a little thing like that. I think I am more inclined to believe the young man's story. I am never inclined to believe a story where the other person has got an injury by being hit with the end of a pole!

The next speaker was the aunt of the defendant's sister. She said there or less what the woman had told the Magistrate, but she did not stop at that, going on to say that on the second day of this moon her son came back from his ship to her house. She told her daughter-in-law to hurry up and prepare the meal and her son was leaving early next morning. The girl failed to obey her orders but just went to her bed, and lay down.

Old Man Hurt.
Sub-Inspector A. H. Elston told the Magistrate that the old man had been in hospital for two weeks. His injuries were due to shock, and also he was suffering from tuberculosis.

Police enquiries made showed that the married woman had no children, so her parents wanted her to work as a servant at their hut. She refused and her parents let her a dog's life, till in the end she ran away. Her relatives went to see the parents about the affair and there was a general melee.

All bound Over.
The woman told Mr. Whyte-Smith that she did not work for her parents that day because she was not feeling well. The Magistrate replied: I think

KWANGSI WAR.

Ironsides "Rebels" to Leave.

WILL RE-ENTER HUNAN.

Canton, Friday.
According to a report by scouting planes, the Ironsides under Hsieh Yoh have evacuated Shek-lung and Lai-pen and withdrawn to the vicinity of Cheungshan, 20 miles south of Liuchow; the rebels under Wang Shao-hung and Yang Tong-fei, formerly stationed in Chinkiang and Shanglin, have retreated to Liuchow, replacing those under Li Chung-yen, who are now heading for the Hunan border, via Loyung, Luchai, Yangfu, and Kweilin. There is now no trace of rebels in the area around Wuhsun, Sheklung, Taiwen and Chinglung, south-east of Liuchow.

It is generally believed that the Ironsides and Kwangsi insurgents will shortly evacuate all the positions held in the Kwangsi province and make another attempt to enter Hunan, since their allies, the forces under Tang Seng-ming, as reported by an unconfirmed telegram from Changsha, have again captured Hengchow. Due to the lack of funds and ammunition, subordinates deserting their leaders, and the pressure by Cantonese and Yunnanese forces, the insurgents fully realise that they cannot put up a stand in Kwangsi any further, and that by taking advantage of the present trouble in Hunan, where the Government forces are busily engaged the Reds, they may successfully invade Hunan.

In order to relieve the inhabitants from untold sufferings in Nanking within the earliest date, C.-in-C. Chan Chai-long has decided to launch an attack against the rebels in the city from four directions. General Yu Hon-mou has been appointed to direct the assault.—Canton News Agency.

THESE TREATIES!

Negotiations Still Proceeding!

Nanking, Friday.
Interviewed by Pressmen this noon, Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, said that the negotiation of the four Sino-British outstanding issues is proceeding, since Sir Miles Lampson's arrival at Nanking and that: (a) the Ministry is now considering the British extrajurisdiction; (b) that the rendition of Wei-hai-wei is expected on October 1, the British attitude being unchanged; (c) that the rendition of the British Concession of Amoy will be effected soon; (d) that concerning the remission of the British Boxer Indemnity certain points still await classification.—Canton News Agency.

DR. C. C. WU.

Declines Presidency of League Assembly.

Nanking, Thursday.
Dr. C. C. Wu has been approached, but has declined the presidency of the League of Nations' Assembly for special reasons. He similarly declined the offer of presidency or vice-presidency of any Statutory commissions.—Canton News Agency.

AUGUST RAIN.

The rainfall for the month of August at the Botanical Gardens was 5.22 inches on 14 days, at the Maillia Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 5.90 inches on 6 days, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong, 3.86 inches on 6 days, and at the Police Station, Tai-po, 4.81 inches on 13 days.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.469 inches at 2h. on the 1st.

The maximum gust velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 41 miles per hour on the 21st.

LEGAL MORTGAGE.

Position of Colonial Treasurer.

GREATER POWERS.

The Draft of a Bill appears in the Government Gazette to incorporate the Colonial Treasurer.

The objects and reasons state in part:
The object of this Ordinance is to incorporate the Colonial Treasurer. From time to time the Government has occasion to take securities in the Colony. The practice has been to take such securities in the name of the Governor, for and on behalf of the Government. In cases where an equitable mortgage can be accepted this practice is unobjectionable. There have been many cases where a legal mortgage has been preferred, and similar cases in the future must be contemplated. The taking of legal mortgages, with the advantages incidental thereto, has rendered necessary the giving of powers of attorney by former Governors, and the execution of deeds and other instruments out of the Colony, with consequential correspondence and delays. The inconvenience of such practice, and the need for legislation on the lines of this Ordinance have become abundantly clear. It is considered that the Colonial Treasurer should hold and deal with securities and other property taken for and on account of the Hong Kong Government.

NORTHERN WAR.

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the menace on the Hopei border, and would be enabled to send troops to the Lung-Hai and Peking-Hankow fronts.

Han Fu-chu, Ma Hung-kuei and Shih Yu-san have been sworn friends for a long time, and always were considered "grey Generals."

Ma Hung-kuei's hands are tied this year owing to his father being virtually a hostage in Nanking, but recently Ma Fu-hsiang left Nanking for the front on a plea of visiting Chiang Kai-shek. He is now stated to be safe in his son's camp.

Shih Yu-san is a native of Kirin and has received considerable supplies this year from Chang Hsueh-liang, and is under his influence. By taking this step these Generals would all come under the hegemony of Mukden, thus greatly strengthening Chang Hsueh-liang, who would thus practically control Shantung and possibly Anhui as well.—Reuter.

Some Ideas From Canton.
Upon the above topic, the semi-official Canton News Agency, says:—

According to the comments of political observers, the reason for the hasty inauguration of the new Peking Government was mainly due to the critical situation of the Northern condition. The brief simplicity of the ceremony, unattended by a single foreign diplomatic official, was a complete departure from the inauguration procedure of other Governments.

It is apparent that the object of Yen Hsi-shan and Wang Ching-wei in organising the new Government is to win over the allegiance of Manchuria. From the list of Ministers' names submitted to Mukden for the consideration of Chia Ching-teh and Hsieh Tu-pe, it will be seen that the following proposed Ministers are all nominees of Manchuria, viz.:—
Wang Shu-han, Minister of Interior; Chuang Chi-yi, Minister of Communications; Lo Wen-kan, Minister of Justice; Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Tang Yi-woo, Minister of Education; and Admiral Shen Hung-lich, Minister of Navy.

INSPECTOR C. F. ARIS

30 Years in Hong Kong Police.

Congratulations to Chief Inspector Charles F. Aris, who yesterday completed 30 years' service in the Hong Kong Police Force.

In 1900, on September 12, Inspector Aris was appointed a Police Constable, and nine years later, on December 4, he became Lance-Sergeant. Three years after returning from leave, Mr. Aris was promoted to Sergeant, on November 1, 1919.

August 13, 1921, saw Mr. Aris as Inspector, and he held this rank until 1926, when, from June 16 to December 1, he was acting Chief Inspector, and afterward was substantiated in that post.

Things That Matter.

To-day's Diary.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Entertainments.

Queen's Theatre—"Caught Short."

Central Theatre—"Fast Company."

Majestic Theatre—"The Last Command."

Star Theatre—"Batling Butler."

World Theatre—"Senorita."

Sports.

Taikoo Club Aquatics, V.R.C. 3.30 p.m.

Baseball—South China v. Texaco.

General.

Lighting-up Time—5.28 p.m.

Tides—High, 0.18 a.m. and 1.39 p.m.; Low, 7.12 a.m. and 6.26 p.m.

The Weather.

The Telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General here from the Manila Observatory at 12.30 p.m. yesterday:—

The depression in the northern part of the China Sea is advancing westward.

A later cable from the same source yesterday afternoon states:—

The typhoon is in about 143 degrees Longitude E. and 10 degrees Latitude N. moving W.N.W.

The local forecast issued last night states: N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; some rain.

The Dollar.

Yesterday's closing rate of the dollar on demand was 1/3.9/16.

MUKDEN'S CONFERENCE.

Liaoning, Thursday.
General Han Fu-chu has decided to assume the chairmanship, and the other officials the membership of the Provincial Government Committee of Shantung at 2 p.m. to-day; the oath of office will be administered by Minister T. V. Soong who arrived from Tsingtao on the morning of the 10th.

General Chang Hsueh-liang has commissioned Messrs. Pang Shupou and Lin Hsiang-lin to Tainan, representing him at the inauguration ceremony of the Chairman and members of the Shantung Government.—Canton News Agency.

A fire alarm was received at Mongkok Fire Station last night about 8 o'clock from Chungsha Street, Shamshulpo, and two engines were despatched. On arrival on the scene it was found to be only a chimney of a Chinese house on fire, and that was very easily extinguished.

BAND CONCERT.

K.R.A. Announces Last Performance of Season.

NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The K.R.A. has announced the last Concert of the season to take place next Wednesday. The Concert will be given by the full Military Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, whose conductor has arranged a programme of great interest which he may be trusted to carry through in his usual masterly way.

It was hoped that it would be possible to conclude the series with a Massed Band performance, but the funds will not allow of the additional expense. There are still scores, or rather, hundreds of people who decline to pay 20 cents for a seat, so that there is no margin of profit even when the Concert is well attended.

There will, however, be one new and popular feature at the next Concert, namely, some highland dancing—the reel and the sword dance. The other arrangements will be as before and, granted good weather, a record attendance is anticipated.

NEW BILLS.

Fire, Marine and Life Insurance.

Draft Bills are published in the Government Gazette to amend the Fire & Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance and the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance.

The objects and reasons are given as under:—
Fire and Marine.—Section 5 of the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917, provides for the deposit of money or securities with the Registrar of Companies; but does not provide for the continuity of that office so as effectually to pass the legal estate to successive holders of the office.

This Bill removes that difficulty by an amendment on the lines of section 3 (2) of the Trustees Ordinance, 1901, which makes similar provision in the case of successive holders of the office of the Official Trustee.

Life.—The objects and reasons for the second Bill are identical save for the deletion of the words "or money."

AN OLD PRIORY CHURCH.

Dover, July 22.

A discovery which may prove of archaeological interest was made yesterday by some workmen at Dover who were digging in the basement of a house in Saxon Street. They had gone down about 9 ft. when they struck what proved to be the skeleton of a man. The bones were in a poor state of preservation, and when removed some of them fell into pieces. The skeleton, which is thought to be possibly 500 years old, is described as that of a man who would have been about 6 ft. high.

When the street was laid out in 1846, the foundations of the choir and chancel of the old Priory Church were found and the end of the street passes over the transepts of the great church. The thoroughfare also adjoins what is believed to have been the monastic cemetery. The church was only part of the Priory, there also being the refectory which remains to-day as part of Dover College, and other large buildings.

In 1925 when the Priory was burnt by the French all the fraternity fled with the exception of a very old monk, who was found sitting in his dormitory, and it is recorded that because he would not reveal where the treasures of the house were hidden he was slain. In the Priory library, now in the Haulman Library, is an account of "The Life and Passion of Thomas de Hule, Monk of Dover, slain by the French." His shrine in the Priory Church continued to be visited up to the time of the Dissolution. The Priory was built between 1180 and 1186, but was not completed until three or four years later, and was demolished in the years 1658 and 1659.

5,000 REDS KILLED.

Result of General Offensive.

AMMUNITION SHORTAGE.

Nanking, Thursday.
As the plans adopted for the annihilation of Reds have been completed, General Ho Chien commenced a general offensive against the Communists on the 10th inst. from five different directions:—The 1st commanded by General Lo Lin; the 2nd by General Kung Ping-fen; the 3rd by General Wei Su-chung; the 4th by General Tso Kwang; and the 5th by General Liu Chin-shu. With the assistance of the planes, the Government forces achieved a great success, as a result of which 5,000 Reds were killed, and the rest were dispersed in disorder. Because of the shortage of ammunition, the Reds are unable to resist any further; they will be totally exterminated in the not far future, it is generally conceded.

Government Reinforcements.

Hankow, Thursday.
President Chiang has decided to despatch six more National divisions to Hunan, Hupeh and Kiangsi, that is, to send two divisions to each of the above three provinces, for the suppression of Reds and bandits.—Canton News Agency.

A BAD YOUTH.

Three Times Convicted at the Age of 18.

Convicted twice previously, first for being a rogue and vagabond, and again for larceny, Lal Kan (18) yesterday pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith to a charge of the larceny of a leather purse, containing \$14.50, from a man named Kong Cheung in Shanghai Street.

According to Inspector R. H. E. Marks the incident occurred at about one o'clock on Friday afternoon. After a District Watchman had got off a motor bus at the junction of Shanghai Street and Public Square Street, outside the Court, the complainant made to board it, and as he was doing so the D.W. saw the accused lift the purse out of the complainant's pocket. He promptly caught the thief.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. Mantua for London via ports yesterday:—
Miss E. V. Armstrong, J. Black, Miss M. R. Barfield, J. G. Bruce, Mrs. E. A. Baker, Miss S. Beattie, Marine J. Blackmore, R. S. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Miss G. M. Cawte, W. Y. Den, R. B. Drew, M. R. Dave, Miss H. Davies, Mr. B. R. G. Davies, Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Eng and infant, Miss E. H. Grant, L. Herrera, Miss E. Hunter, T. B. Hunter, O.B.E., Capt. R. S. Hume, H. N. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Khambata, Miss P. B. Khambata, J. Khubchand, T. L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyon, infant and servant, Col. E. A. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Little, E. Larmour, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Leigh, Lt.-Comdr. R. H. McNeill, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., Mrs. J. Munger, Miss D. E. Munger, Miss M. R. Munger, J. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mordecai, P. F. Motwani, K. C. McLenman, K. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nelson and son, Lt. Comdr. H. D. Owen, R.N., Miss F. E. Ontway, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parker, Miss B. D. Parker, Capt. W. G. Qulanlan, R.M., Mrs. M. M. Qulanlan, Miss C. M. Qulanlan, P. C. Renny, M. Rooney, McD. Roehm, H. N. Steptoe, Mr. and Mrs. N. Stockland and servant, Surg.-Comdr. R. K. Shaw, R.N., Comdr. E. G. Stanley, D.S.C., R.N., N. Spothan, Mrs. M. H. Shanks, Miss M. B. Shanks, R. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tinson and 2 infants, Miss J. Tinson, Miss M. W. Watkin, R. A. Wadson, H. C. B. Way, Miss F. K. Walker, Lt.-Col. F. J. G. Wyatt, O.B.E., M.C., R.E., Mrs. M. C. Wyatt, Miss A. J. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilde, Miss J. Wilde, Miss E. M. West.

SHARES STEADY.

Messrs. Carroll Bros.' Report.

SMALL BUSINESS DONE.

Messrs. Carroll Bros.' weekly share report states:—
There is very little to report about the Share Market for the past week, as the volume of business negotiated has been very small, and rates have been very steady.

Banks.—Are still in strong demand at \$1,620, after a few small sales at this figure.

Insurances.—Unions are also very firm, with buyers at \$450. A fair number of shares changed hands during the week at \$450/455. Carbons, Hong Kong Pines and China Underwriters are also wanted at quotations, but also appear difficult to get hold of.

Shipping.—A few Douglass were sold at \$28½, and further shares could still be placed at this rate. Steamboats are also required for at \$25.25, but we did not hear of any shares coming out at this figure. Star Ferries closed a shade easier, with probable sellers at \$83.

Land, Hotels & Building.—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels show a slight improvement, with a fair turnover at \$11/11.25. Further shares could be placed at \$11, but sellers are holding out for \$11.25. Hong Kong Lands are a shade easier, with buyers only offering \$78½ cum rights, and sellers holding off for \$79. Hong Kong Realty are obtainable at \$9, with probable buyers at about 20 cents under this rate. Small parcels of Humphreys are wanted at \$15.45.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos were very firm during the early part of the week, and a fair number of shares were sold at Taels 12.50/60, but at the close the demand appears more than satisfied, and sellers are now willing to take Taels 12¼.

Miscellaneous.—China Lights appear to be attracting more attention than any other stocks at present, owing to the large sales negotiated for the coming Settlement. A fair number of old shares were sold at \$24.50/75, and a few September Settlement shares changed hands at \$24.75/25.00. A small parcel of new Lights were sold at \$20½. Cements are steady at \$17.60. China Providents improved slightly, and a fair business was done at \$5.30/35. Hong Kong Electric are offering at \$78¼, but buyers are holding off for cheaper prices. Hong Kong Trams are in demand at \$13.15, after sales at \$13¼. Further shares could probably be obtained at \$13¼, but would be purchasers do not seem inclined to improve on the figure they are offering. A fair business was done in Dairy Farms at \$26½, and further small lots are enquired for at this figure. Hong Kong Ropes are on the easy side, with sellers at \$11.20, and buyers waiting for a further decline. A few Amusements changed hands at \$25, and more shares are wanted at this rate.

SHANTUNG CHAIRMANSHIP.

Tainan, Thursday.
General Chang Hsueh-liang, summoned this morning a preliminary political conference which was attended by Generals Chang Tso-hsing, Wan Fu-lin, and other high Generals. It was decided to bring the following questions up for discussion when the formal conference takes place:

1. The attitude of the North-eastern authorities in regard to the present situation;
2. The release of a circular telegram regarding the above problem when solved;
3. The date of General Chang Hsueh-liang's resuming the post of Vice-Generalissimo of Land, Navy and Air forces;
4. The despatch of Manchurian forces under Tang Yu-lin and Yu Hsueh-chung to Peking and Tientsin;
5. The defence scheme to be adopted by the North-Eastern Provinces;
6. The reorganization of the north-eastern troops.—Canton News Agency.

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